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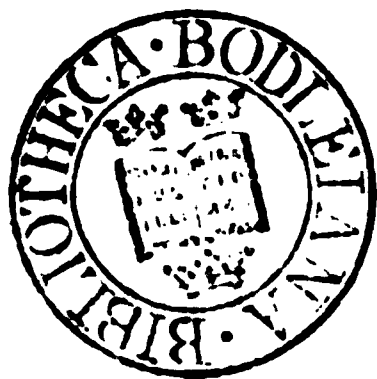
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THE QUEEN'S BENCH,

IN

TRINITY VACATION,

XIII. VICTORIA.

(TRINITY VACATION CONTINUED FROM
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AYRTON and Another *against* ABBOTT and
Another.

Wednesday,
July 5th.

TRESPASS for breaking and entering the shop of
the plaintiffs at *Colne* in *Lancashire*, and seizing
and distraining pieces of cloth of the plaintiffs therein.
Plea: Not guilty, by statute. On the trial, before

Semble: That the statutes 27 H. 8. c. 20., 32 H. 8. c. 7. and 2 & 3 Ed. 6. c. 13., for the payment and recovery of

"offerings," "oblations" and "obventions," and 24 H. 8. c. 12. s. 2., prohibiting appeals to *Rome* in causes relative to right of "tithes, oblations and obventions," include mortuaries.

But mortuaries are not within stat. 7 & 8 W. 3. c. 6. s. 2., which authorizes justices of the peace to adjudicate upon complaints of subtraction of "small tithes, offerings, oblations" and "obventions."

Justices of the peace made an order under the last mentioned statute, reciting a complaint that certain parishioners had refused to pay to the parties entitled the oblations, obventions and other customary dues and payments arising &c.; and the justices by their order adjudicated that there was due from those parishioners the sum of 10s., being the amount and value "of the said oblations, obventions and other customary dues and payments which have become due" &c., "from them" &c., and ordered them to pay the said sum &c. In an action of trespass for a distress made under the order:

Held, that evidence was admissible to shew that the 10s. were claimed before the justices in respect of a mortuary; there not being, on the face of the order, any finding of fact by which that extrinsic evidence was excluded.

And that, in the absence of such evidence, the order would be bad for uncertainty.

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Rolfe B., at the *Lancaster* Spring assizes, 1847, a verdict was taken for the plaintiffs for 40s. damages, subject to the opinion of this Court on a special case. The material parts of the case were as follows.

The plaintiffs are the executors of *John Watson*, who died at *Colne*, in the parish of *Whalley* in *Lancashire*, on the 15th of *April* 1844, leaving personal assets of the value of 40*l.* and upwards, after payment of his debts. Up to and at the time of his death he was a house-keeper, residing and carrying on the business of a pawnbroker at *Colne* aforesaid; and the pieces of cloth were part of his stock in trade, and, at the time of the seizure and distress, were the property of the plaintiffs as his executors.

On the 13th of *August* 1845, the following complaint in writing was made to the defendant *Abbott*, who, and the other defendant *Garnett*, then and from thence until and at the time of the commencement of the suit, were justices of the peace acting in and for the said county; viz.:

“ To the Reverend *Philip Abbott*, Clerk, one of Her Majesty’s justices of the peace in and for the county of *Lancaster*. *Edmund Hopwood*, of ” &c., “ agent to *John Taylor*, of *Whalley* in the said county, Esquire, the Rev. *John Master Whalley*, of *Clerkhill* within *Whalley* aforesaid, clerk, and *William Whalley*, of *Whalley* aforesaid, Esquire, complaineth that he, the said *E. Hopwood*, did, by the space of twenty days and upwards before the day of the date hereof, demand of *Henry Ayrtton*, of *Colne* in the said county, draper, and *Benjamin Watson*, of the same place, cotton manufacturer, executors ” &c. “ of *John Watson*, late of ” &c., “ deceased, as such executors as aforesaid, the oblations, obventions and other customary dues and payments arising within the parish of *Whalley* aforesaid, and which have justly become due within two years now last past from them the said *H. A.* and *B. W.*, as such executors as aforesaid, unto them the said *J. Taylor*, *J. M. Whalley* and *W. Whalley*, to the value of 10*s.*: and that the said *H. A.* and *B. W.* did, upon the said demand, respectively refuse, and do yet respectively refuse, to pay, and have not nor has either of them paid, the same, nor any part thereof.

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10s., as being a mortuary alleged to be due and payable by custom to the said *J. Taylor, J. M. Whalley* and *W. Whalley*, as lay rectors of the parish of *Whalley*, on the death of any resident housekeeper in the township of *Colne* aforesaid, in the parish aforesaid, having moveable goods of the value of 40*l.* over and above just debts. Whereupon the now plaintiffs disputed before the said justices the existence and validity of the alleged custom, the jurisdiction of the justices in the matter, and the sufficiency of the complaint and summons. The said rectors produced evidence in support of their claim: and, after several adjournments, the following order was made under the hands and seals of the defendants.

“Whereas, on” &c., “complaint” &c. “was made unto the undersigned, the Rev. *Philip Abbott*, clerk, one of Her Majesty’s justices of the peace within and for the county of *Lancaster*, by *Edmund Hopwood*, of” &c., “agent” &c., “that *Henry Ayrton*, of” &c., “and *Benjamin Watson*, of” &c., “executors” &c., “did, for the space of twenty days and upwards next before the day of the date of the said complaint, so made” &c., “and by the space of twenty days after demand thereof made upon them as such executors as aforesaid, respectively refuse to pay unto the said *J. Taylor, J. M. Whalley* and *W. Whalley*, and had not, nor had either of them the said *H. A.* and *B. W.* at the time of the said complaint then paid, but still did respectively refuse to pay, the oblations, obventions and other customary dues and payments, or any part thereof, arising within the parish of *Whalley* in the said county, and which had justly become due within two years then last past from them the said *H. A.* and *B. W.* as such executors” &c., “unto” &c., “to the value of 10*s.* :” prayer of redress by the complainant, as such agent &c., was then recited. “Whereupon” &c.: the order then recited grant of the summons by the said justice; attendance on the summons; adjournment to 4th *September*; and attendance of *Ayrton* and *Watson* on that day “before us the said justices then in petty session assembled at *Clitheroe* aforesaid in pursuance of the said adjournment.” It then proceeded: “Now we, the said *Philip Abbott*, and also *Jeremiah Garnett*, Esquire, being both of us such justices as aforesaid, and being so assembled at *Clitheroe* aforesaid on the said 4th day of *September*, and being neither of us patron of the parish church of *Whalley* aforesaid, nor any way interested in the said oblations, obventions and other customary dues and payments, or any of them,

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in the order), "which said sums make in the whole the sum of 1*l.*: And whereas it appeared unto us the said justices that the said *H. A.* and *B. W.*, as such executors as aforesaid, had due notice of our said order for the space of ten days and upwards before the day of the date hereof, but have" &c. (refusal of payment): "These are therefore to command you jointly and severally that you, or some one of you, do forthwith distrain the goods and chattels of the estate and effects of the said *John Watson*, deceased; and, in case" &c.; direction to sell if the 1*l.* and reasonable charges of distress be not paid or tendered within four days next after distress made, and to pay the 1*l.* out of the proceeds: costs of distress to be retained; overplus, if any, returned. "Given" &c. (12th December 1845). "*Philip Abbott* (L.S.). *Jeremiah Garnett* (L.S.)."

The case then stated that an officer acting under the warrant entered plaintiff's shop in the declaration mentioned, and seized the cloth therein also mentioned as a distress &c., and detained the same till plaintiffs paid the 10*s.* and costs under protest. Whereupon plaintiffs gave due notice of action, &c.

"The defendants contend that, if the documents shew jurisdiction, none of the other facts stated in the case, touching the questions which the defendants, as justices, have decided, are admissible in evidence; and the Court is to determine whether such facts or any of them are so admissible.

"If, upon the whole case, excluding those facts which the Court shall think not admissible in evidence, the Court shall be of opinion that the action is maintainable, the verdict entered for the plaintiffs is to stand: but, if, on the other hand, the Court shall be of opinion that the action is not maintainable, the said verdict is to be set aside, and in lieu thereof a nonsuit or verdict for the defendants is to be entered." Liberty to either party to turn the case into a special verdict, omitting those facts which the Court shall determine not to be admissible as evidence.

The case was argued in last *Easter* term (a).

(a) April 27th, 1849. Before *Patteson*, *Coleridge* and *Erle* Js.

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testimonies, produced before them, shall, in writing under their hands and seals, adjudge the case, and give such reasonable allowance and compensation for such tithes, oblations and compositions so subtracted or withheld, as they shall judge to be just and reasonable, and also such costs and charges, not exceeding 10s., as upon the merits of the cause shall appear just.”

First: mortuaries do not fall within the words of this statute. They are neither small tithes, nor compositions or agreements for the same, nor offerings, oblations or obventions. In 3 *Burn's Ecc. L.* 36. (9th ed.), tit. *Offerings*, it is said, that “Offerings, oblations, and obventions, are one and the same thing: though obvention is the largest word.” It is true that *Burn* comprehends, under these, “the customary payment for marriages, christenings, churchings, and burials:” but a mortuary is due whether the party be buried in the churchyard or not; and, accordingly, *Burn* has a distinct article under the title *Mortuary*; vol. 2. p. 562 *a.*: and he there adopts the distinction, that the mortuary “was a right settled on the church upon the decease of a member of it; and a corse present was a voluntary oblation usually made at funerals.” The distinction may be collected from *Jacob's Law Dictionary*, where there are distinct titles of *mortuary*, *oblations*, *obventions* and *offerings*. *Blackstone*, in 2 *Comm.* 425., defines mortuaries as “a sort of ecclesiastical heriots.” In 4 stat. 13 *Ed.* 1. c. 1. (*Circumspectè agatis*), “mortuaries” are spoken of in sect. 5 after “oblations or tithes due and accustomed” have been mentioned. Stat. 21 *H.* 8. c. 6. limits the amount to be taken for mortuaries; and here they are spoken of without any mention of offerings, oblations or obventions. On the

other hand, stat. 2 & 3 *Ed.* 6. c. 13. s. 10. speaks of offerings, without any mention of mortuaries: and that offerings there do not include mortuaries appears from the enactment, in that section, that the offerings shall be paid yearly, at such four offering days as had been accustomed for the last four years, or else at *Easter*; a provision manifestly inapplicable to mortuaries. Neither therefore can mortuaries be included in the word "obventions," mentioned in sect. 13 of the same statute. Yet obventions is the most comprehensive word in stat. 7 & 8 *W.* 3. c. 6. [*Coleridge J.* According to your present argument, stat. 2 & 3 *Ed.* 6. c. 13. would not apply to payments for the churching of women. What description would you give of a mortuary? It is said to have been originally a voluntary offering, which had become customary as a sort of composition.] In 1 *Eagle on Tithes*, 418, it is said: "Mortuaries, which are indisputably due only by special custom, are said to have been given *pro recompensatione subtractionis decimarum personalium, necnon et oblationum*, and for this reason they have been sometimes classed under the head of personal tithes, and offerings." He refers to 2 *Inst.* 491 (a), which contains nothing illustrating the question now before the Court. The explanation appears to be merely conjectural; and the author does not notice any statutable proceeding for the recovery of mortuaries, except under the statute of *Circumspectè agatis*, and stat. 21 *H.* 8. c. 6.; though he speaks earlier (p. 417.) of the offerings, oblations and obventions recoverable under stat. 7 & 8 *W.* 3. c. 6. Again, mortuaries cannot have been contem-

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plated by a statute giving summary jurisdiction, to be exercised by justices ten days after complaint and order, if payment has not been made within twenty days after demand; for, to ascertain the amount payable, it might be necessary to enquire into all the assets and liabilities of the deceased, which would in most cases be impossible within the time. Further, the remedy by sect. 3 is against the person who shall refuse or neglect to pay: the legislature here cannot have had in view the estate of a deceased person.

Next, assuming that mortuaries are not within stat. 7 & 8 *W.* 3. c. 6., the magistrates had no jurisdiction. On the other side, reliance will be placed on the class of cases including *Basten v. Carew* (a), *Brittain v. Kinnaird* (b) and *Mould v. Williams* (c): and it will be said that the order of the magistrates conclusively shews the facts proved to be within their jurisdiction, and that no other evidence can be admitted to shew what those facts were. That argument might prevail, if the order confined itself to the words of the statute. But it directs payment, not only of oblations and obventions, but of "other customary dues and payments," an expression which might include, not only mortuaries, but customary copyhold fines. The order, therefore, if looked at alone, is bad for uncertainty: it should at any rate have shewn how much was due under each of the heads: and, if more than the order is looked at, the particular objection is let in. But, further, the facts may be looked at for the purpose of shewing whether, upon the complaint made, the justices had

(a) 3 *B. & C.* 649.

(b) 1 *Br. & B.* 432.

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death, pro recompensatione subtractionis decimarum personalium, et oblationum." That implies that the mortuary itself is in the nature of an oblation or offering. [*Coleridge J.* Do you understand "left" to mean bequeathed?] It might be a deathbed gift. But it is said to have been considered as a kind of ecclesiastical heriot. [*Coleridge J.* That is noticed in *Stephens's Treatise of the Laws relating to the Clergy*, a very careful work, where (vol. i. p. 809.) *Bracton* is cited on this point (a). The second best beast or chattel was reserved to the Church by custom in some places; and this caused mortuaries to be looked upon in the light of heriots.] In *Wats. Clerg. Law*, 582. c. 52., mention is made of "mortuaries and offerings, called also oblations and obventions." They seem to be treated as oblations in the notes to 1 *Gibs. Cod.* 709 (2nd ed. *Tit. xxx. c. 12.*): and, in 2 *Burn's Ecc. Law*, 562, tit. *Mortuary, s. 1.*, it is said that "Mortuary seems to have been originally an oblation made at the time of a person's death." Mortuaries are indeed mentioned separately from "oblations" in the statute *Circumspectè agatis*, 4 stat. 13 *Ed. 1. c. 1.*; but that Lord *Coke* deemed them to fall under that description may be inferred from his comment on the statute in 2 *Inst.*: "Oblationes in the canon law are thus defined: 'Oblationes dicuntur quæcunque a piis fidelibusque Christianis offeruntur Deo et ecclesiæ, sive res solidæ, sive mobiles:'" 2 *Inst.* 489. And in 1 *Gibs. Cod.* 704, note *g* (*Tit. xxx. c. 10.*), it is said: "What may be properly called oblations, are those which *Lyndwood* describes: *Accedentes ad solennia nuben-*

(a) *Bracton*, fol. 60 a. Lib. 2. c. 26. § 1.

tium, purificationes mulierum, mortuorum exequias, et alias solennitates divinas et populares, solebant aliquid certum offerre." "From which customary offerings, the fees or duties now payable on those occasions did probably spring, and may be thought a kind of composition for them:" and it is added that by the common law, as well as by statutes, among which is *Circumspectè agatis*, these profits are recoverable in the Spiritual Court. In 3 *Burn's Eccl. Law*, 36, tit. *Offerings*, it is said that "Offerings, oblations, and obventions, are one and the same thing: though obvention is the largest word. And under these are comprehended, not only" *Easter* offerings, "but also the customary payment for marriages, christenings, churchings, and burials." [*Coleridge J.* According to the judgment in *Andrews v. Cawthorne* (a), a burial fee is different from a mortuary.] In *Com. Dig. Prohibition* (G 11.) it is said, that "the Court Christian shall hold plea for oblations, obventions, mortuaries, pensions:" and that "oblations comprehend the customary payments of every communicant, or for marriages, christenings, churchings, or burials." In 2 *Inst.* 659, "offerings or oblations" are mentioned indiscriminately as "the profits of the church," "free or voluntary, and consuet; or by custom, as here" (by stat. 2 & 3 *Ed.* 6. c. 13. s. 10.) "it appeareth." It is true that, by the clause last referred to, the payments are to be made on stated "offering-days," whereas mortuaries are of uncertain occurrence: but, if this were a reason for holding mortuaries not to be included in the clause or comment, the same argument would exclude marriage fees. And sect. 13 of that

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act gives a process in the Ecclesiastical Court, "if any person do subtract or withdraw any manner of tithes, obventions, profits, commodities or other duties before mentioned, or any part of them, contrary to the true meaning of this act, or of any other act heretofore made." Again, difficulties arise in construing the statutes, if mortuaries are not included under the words "oblations and obventions;" for, if that be so, disputes concerning them are not withdrawn from the jurisdiction of the See of *Rome* by the act "For the restraint of appeals," 24 *H. 8. c. 12.* sects. 2, 4. [*Erle J.* That seems to be provided for afterwards by stat. 1 *Eliz. c. 1.* sect. 16.] Again, according to the same argument, mortuaries, not being expressly mentioned, would not be included in stat. 27 *H. 8. c. 20. s. 1.*, which enacts that every subject of the King's realm &c., "according to the ecclesiastical laws and ordinances of his Church of *England*, and after the laudable usages and customs of the parish or other place where he dwelleth or occupieth, shall yield and pay his tithes, offerings and other duties of holy Church:" though the payment of mortuaries had been expressly regulated, a few years before, by a statute (21 *H. 8. c. 6.*) framed entirely for that purpose. But in *Wats. Clerg. Law*, 590, 591. c. 53., stat. 27 *H. 8. c. 20.* is clearly treated as applying to mortuaries. [*Erle J.* Mortuaries, there, may be included under the words "other duties." The argument for the plaintiff is only that they are not "offerings, oblations" or "obventions."] Stat. 32 *H. 8. c. 7.* is "for the true payment of tithes and offerings." The mischief recited is the withholding of tithes of corn &c., "and other sort of tithes and oblations commonly due" &c.

Sect. 2 ordains that all persons shall pay "all and singular tithes and offerings aforesaid," and gives jurisdiction to the ordinary in case of refusal: and sect. 4 provides a remedy by proceeding before justices, if persons do not pay their "tithes or duties" after definitive sentence. [*Patteson* J. There is a great deal of variation in the language of the statute: Sect. 7 speaks of "tithes, oblations or other ecclesiastical or spiritual profit."] The result of the whole is that offerings, duties and oblations are considered as one and the same thing. And in *Co. Lit.* 159. a. the statute is considered as extending to every "ecclesiastical or spiritual profit," and giving a remedy for the withholding of tithes or "offerings" generally. It cannot justly be contended that, because an earlier statute speaks of mortuaries specifically, a later one, using language that may include them, does not do so, merely because the specific mention is not repeated. It is true that stat. 21 *H.* 8. c. 6. speaks of ecclesiastical persons only as interested in mortuaries; but there is no reason that mortuaries may not have been annexed to religious houses before the dissolution of the Monasteries (a), and have come afterwards into lay hands: the remedy under stat. 32 *H.* 8. c. 7. s. 2. is given to "lay" as well as "ecclesiastical" persons; and it is observed in *Co. Lit.* 159. a. that "tithes and other ecclesiastical duties, that came to the Crown" by the statutes of *Henry* 8. and *Ed.* 6. there enumerated, are, by those statutes and stats. 32 *H.* 8. c. 7. and 1 & 2 *Ph. & M.* c. 8. (b), "in the hands of laymen temporal inheritances" and "assets." In *Marke v. Gilbert* (c) it

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(b) Sect. 36.

(c) 1 *Sid.* 263.; *S. C.* 1 *Keb.* 919.

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was not questioned that a mortuary might be payable to an impropriator. It will be found that all ecclesiastical dues are either tithes or something included under the general term "offerings." In *Com. Dig. Dismes* (B 1.), after treating of tithes, it is said: "Other ecclesiastical revenues were oblations, or obventions, pensions, and mortuaries." Mortuaries there are spoken of as if distinct from oblations and obventions; but so are pensions as distinct from tithes: yet "pensions are certain sums of money paid to clergymen in lieu of tithes:" 3 *Burn's Eccl. Law*, 106., in verb. "*Pension*."

The supposed inconvenience of raising questions of this kind before justices of the peace cannot overcome the direct construction of a statute. [*Patteson J.* It may be a ground for rejecting the construction which would raise the inconvenience, if there be a doubt. *Erle J.* The inconvenience, on most estates, would be very trifling: there would only be a question of *plenè administravit* as to a very small sum.] And the proof, to subject a party to the jurisdiction, would lie on the complainants. [*Patteson J.* It struck me as odd that justices should, under stat. 7 & 8 *W. 3. c. 6.*, have power to try a custom: it would seem, from sect. 8, that they may try questions of prescription, composition, *modus*, agreement or title relied upon as exempting from tithe, if security be not given for payment of costs on a trial at law.]

The order itself here is conclusive as to the jurisdiction. By the proceedings it appears that a charge has been well laid before the justices, which charge, on its face, was within their jurisdiction, so that they were bound to enquire into it. On enquiry regularly made, they decide that such a charge is proved; namely, that

the parties complained of have withheld oblations and obventions which were due from them. Then, on the principles laid down in *Regina v. Bolton* (a), this Court cannot look into the grounds of the decision for the purpose of ascertaining that the magistrates had not jurisdiction; that is, that the oblations were mortuaries, a thing to which the jurisdiction is said not to extend. *Brittain v. Kinnaird* (b), *Cave v. Mountain* (c) and *Mould v. Williams* (d) support the same argument. If the decision here was wrong, the party should have appealed under sect. 7 of stat. 7 & 8 W. 3. c. 6. But, supposing that this Court could look into the proceedings, it would be found that, in fact, nothing was enquired into but non-payment of a mortuary, as to which the justices had jurisdiction.

The objection of uncertainty in the form of the order is groundless. If the magistrates had, by stat. 7 & 8 W. 3. c. 6., jurisdiction with respect to oblations and obventions, the addition of the words "and other customary dues and payments" cannot prejudice. The objection now suggested should, if valid, have prevailed in *Rex v. Owen* (e). At any rate the words "other dues" here must be taken to mean others ejusdem generis. That would have been the construction of the statute, if its words had been "oblations, obventions, and other customary dues and payments;" *San-diman v. Breach* (g). [*Erle J.* "Other" always implies something additional; and, if any part of the first 10s. awarded in the order was for anything but oblations or obventions, the jurisdiction was exceeded.]

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(a) 1 Q. B. 66.

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The objection, that it was not shewn on the face of the information that the magistrates had no interest, was unsupported by any authority. (*Addison* admitted that he had found none ; and this point was not further discussed.)

Addison, in reply. In the passage cited on the other side from *Wats. Clerg. L.* 582, it is “offerings,” not mortuaries, that are “called also oblations” &c. In 4 stat. 13 *Ed.* 1. c. 1. mortuaries and oblations are ranked under distinct heads ; and so they are in Lord *Coke’s* comment, 2 *Inst.* 489, 491. As to the difficulty suggested with respect to stat. 24 *H.* 8. c. 12., if mortuaries were not comprehended in the description of causes which, by sect. 2, were made determinable exclusively in the King’s courts, it may be supposed that the omission was contemplated and provided for in stat. 1 *Eliz.* c. 1. Assuming that, on reference to facts, it would appear that the justices acted within their jurisdiction, as is suggested on the other side, yet, if the order was on the face of it bad, they would not be justified ; *Lindsay v. Leigh* (a). The finding of the justices here does not bring their proceeding within the principle of *Brittain v. Kinnaird* (b) and similar cases. In *Mould v. Williams* (c), for instance, the justice had in effect found that the place in question was a highway : here the order contains no finding that the subject of claim was a mortuary. It is as if, in *Brittain v. Kinnaird* (b), the conviction had stated that the plaintiff had in his possession, not a “boat” but a vessel. In such a case it is not controverting a fact

(a) 11 Q. B. 455.

(b) 1 Br. & B. 492.

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The origin of mortuaries is by no means clear: but they seem to have been in very early times voluntary, as a sort of offering to the church for any possible omissions of which the deceased person may have been guilty in respect to the dues of the church. Afterwards, the second best beast of the deceased seems to have been claimed as a mortuary of right. At any rate, so early as the reign of *Edward I.*, the right to a mortuary had become matter of custom.

The statute *Circumspectè agatis*, 4 stat. 13 *Ed. 1.*, has these words: “Item si Rector petat versus parochianos, oblationes, et decimas debitas et consuetas, vel si Rector agat contra Rectorem de decimis majoribus vel minoribus, dummodo non petatur quarta pars valoris. Item si Rector petat *mortuarium in partibus ubi mortuarium dari consueverit* (a).” From which words it appears that a mortuary was at that time matter of custom; and also that it was not considered as included in the word “oblatio,” which is used in a distinct clause of the statute.

The same expressions are used in the statute, *Articuli cleri*, 1 stat. 9 *Ed. 2. c. 1.* “Imprimis Laici impetrant prohibitiones in genere super decimis, obventionibus, oblationibus, mortuariis (a),” etc.

Then comes the statute 21 *H. 8. c. 6.*, which is confined to mortuaries only, and enacts, sect. 3, “That no mortuary shall be given, asked, or demanded from henceforth of any manner person, but only in such place where heretofore mortuaries have been used to be paid and given, and in those places none otherwise but after the rate and form hereafter mentioned:”

(a) See the folio Statutes of the Realm (1810), Vol. I. pp. 101. 171.

and then it limits the amount; and the highest is 10s. "for any person dying or dead, having at the time of his death of the value in moveable goods of 40*l.* or above, to any sum whatsoever it be, clearly above his debts paid:" and by sect. 2 it is plain that the mortuary was to be sued for in the Ecclesiastical Court.

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In the same reign acts were passed, in 27 *H.* 8. c. 20., for the better recovery of "tithes, offerings and other duties," and 32 *H.* 8. c. 7., for "tithes," "oblations," and "offerings:" but in neither of them is the word "mortuary" used. Then, by stat. 2 & 3 *Ed.* 6. c. 13., further provisions are made as to tithes, and by sect. 10 it is provided that all persons shall pay their *offerings* yearly at such four offering days as have been accustomed: a provision manifestly inapplicable to mortuaries. And, by sect. 13, "if any person do subtract" "any manner of tithes, obventions, profits, commodities or other duties before mentioned" "contrary to the true meaning of this act, or of any other act heretofore made," he shall be sued in the Ecclesiastical Court. The word "mortuary" is not used in this latter act.

Neither is that word used in the statute 24 *H.* 8. c. 12., "for the restraint of appeals." In the second section, prohibiting appeals to *Rome*, the words are, "all causes testamentary, causes of matrimony and divorces, rights of tithes, oblations and obventions (the knowledge whereof by the goodness of princes of this realm, and by the laws and customs of the same, appertaineth to the spiritual jurisdiction of this realm)."

Yet it seems most probable that causes of subtraction of mortuaries, which certainly appertained to the spiritual jurisdiction of this realm, were intended to

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be included in the prohibition of appeals to *Rome* by the words “causes” of “obventions;” although it is true that, in the following year, in the statute 25 *H.* 8. c. 19. s. 3., more general words are used respecting such appeals, and so far tend to weaken the probability of the supposed intention. We think it highly improbable that the legislature, having regulated the payment for mortuaries, and reduced the amount to such very small sums, in the 21st year of King *Henry* the Eighth, recognising that those sums should be recovered in the Ecclesiastical Courts, should have purposely omitted them in the subsequent statutes in the 24th and 27th and 32d years of the same reign, and in the 2d and 3d of *Edward* VI., and are therefore much disposed to think that they are included under the word “obventions” used in those statutes.

If so, they would be equally included under the same word in the statute in question, 7 & 8 *W.* 3 c. 6., unless there be any thing in that act plainly repugnant to such a construction.

Now the argument against such construction, derived from the language of the act, is, that no provision is made for the case of a dispute respecting the existence of a custom to pay a mortuary. The eighth section, above stated, does not extend to such a case; for it manifestly applies to tithes and other ecclesiastical duties which are due of common right, and from which an exemption is claimed by prescription &c. Nor does the seventh section seem to extend to such a case; for that applies only when the *title* of such tithes, oblations or obventions shall be in question, not when the existence of such obvention, which, in the case of a mortuary, must be by custom, is in question.

This is a formidable objection; for we can hardly think that the legislature intended to deprive the party from whom a mortuary is claimed, small as the amount is, of all opportunity of submitting the existence of the custom to a jury, which opportunity is in effect preserved in the case of small tithes and other ecclesiastical dues, though amounting only to 40s., that being the amount to which the provisions of the act are limited. There is also weight in the argument that the statute 21 *H.* 8. c. 6. regulates the amount of the mortuary according to the value of the deceased's moveable goods "clearly above his debts paid"; and it seems difficult to suppose that an enquiry into the assets and debts of the deceased was intended by the statute 7 & 8 *W.* 3. to be conducted before two justices.

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Upon the whole, therefore, we are of opinion that a mortuary is not within the act of *W.* 3., and that the defendants had no jurisdiction.

This opinion, however, is founded on the assumption that evidence was properly admitted to shew that the demand was for a mortuary; whereas it was contended for the defendants that the order or conviction of the justices, not stating anything about a mortuary, but adjudicating only that 10s. were due from the plaintiffs, as executors, for "the said oblations, obventions and other customary dues and payments," was conclusive on the plaintiffs, within the authority of the case of *Brittain v. Kinnaird* (a). No doubt, if the justices had found certain facts which were necessary to and would give them jurisdiction, the truth of those facts

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could not be disputed in this action; but here no specific facts are found.

The plaintiffs also meet this objection by contending that the order is bad on the face of it, on account of the words "and other customary dues and payments," which words not being in the act 7 & 8 *W. 3.*, the order itself shews that the justices have exceeded their jurisdiction. On the other side, the case of *Rex v. Owen* (a) was relied on, where the words "tithes and other ecclesiastical rights" were used in the Ecclesiastical Court; and it was held that the jurisdiction sufficiently appeared, though the statute on which it was founded had not the words "other ecclesiastical rights." That, however, was not a sentence or conviction, but a libel only; and the proceeding in the Court of King's Bench was in respect of a contempt of the Ecclesiastical Court in not appearing: that Court had jurisdiction in respect to tithes; and, if the party had appeared, non constat that any proceeding would have been had for any other matters: but here the order or conviction is in respect of all the matters stated in it, and the justices had no jurisdiction in respect of part, viz. "other customary dues and payments," unless they were such as were properly described as oblations or obventions. This case, therefore, is more within the authority of *Branwell v. Penneck* (b); and, if the evidence of the complaint being for a mortuary be excluded, the verdict for the plaintiffs would be right, on account of the badness of the order on the face of it. If, on the other hand, it be admitted, then the verdict is right on the ground of a mortuary not being within the act.

(a) 4 *Burr.* 2095.

(b) 7 *B. & C.* 536.

We think that, on account of the generality of the words of the order or conviction, the evidence was properly admitted, and the real question intended to be tried was properly raised.

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Judgment for the plaintiffs.

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SIR *J. Jervis*, Attorney General, in last *Easter* term, obtained a rule to shew cause why a certiorari should not issue to remove an inquisition taken before the sheriff of the city of *Lincoln* and county of the same city for the purpose of assessing the compensation to be paid by *The Great Northern Railway Company* to *Edward Cooling*, for damage sustained by him as regarded his lands, hereditaments, &c.; and the judgment thereon; or why a prohibition should not issue to restrain *Cooling* from taking further proceedings upon the said inquisition and judgment.

A compensation jury, of the city of *L.*, awarded compensation to a landowner, under stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 20. s. 6.*, in respect of the works of a railway Company, by which he alleged that his land was injuriously affected.

The land was divided from the railway works by a river. The land was in the city; the works were not. The mode in which the works injuriously affected the land was, that they obstructed the

It appeared from the affidavits that the Company, in 1848, had constructed a portion of their line of railway along the west bank of the cut or river called the *Fossdyke*, the centre of which was stated to be the boundary between the parish of *Skellingthorpe* on the

access to a ferry over the river and appurtenant to the land in question. Held:

That, as the land lay in the city, the inquisition was rightly taken there.

That the ferry might pass with the land, under a conveyance of the land with "all profits and commodities belonging to the same;" and that, where, as far as living memory went, the land and ferry had always been enjoyed by the same person, and there was no evidence to shew that they ever had been the subjects of separate conveyances, a compensation jury were justified in concluding that the ferry did pass with the land under the above words. At all events, that there was no such want of jurisdiction as to call for a certiorari or prohibition.

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said west side, and the parish of *St. Mary le Wigford* on the east side of the cut. Shortly afterwards the Company received from *Cooling*, as “a party entitled to compensation in respect of an interest in lands situate in the parish of *St. Mary le Wigford* in the city of *Lincoln*, which lands have been injuriously affected by the execution of the works of your undertaking,” notice of his desire to have the compensation due to him in respect of such interest “assessed by a jury of the city of *Lincoln*.” The notice described that the manner in which his lands had been injuriously affected was “by the disturbance of and cutting off the communication with an ancient ferry attached and belonging to and held with the lands in question.” The Company issued a warrant accordingly to the sheriff of the city, under which an inquisition was taken for assessing the required compensation. Both parties attended the inquisition; and, it being admitted that the west side of the cut, where the works causing the obstruction to the ferry were situate, was not in the city of *Lincoln*, it was objected, on behalf of the Company, that the sheriff of the city had no jurisdiction to take the inquisition. The ferry in question was an ancient ferry, and, as far back as living memory extended, had always been attached to a house (recently used as a public house) and premises on the east side of, and adjoining to, the cut, within the city. This house and premises had been the property of the Corporation of the city in fee simple; and the occupier of the house had always kept a ferry boat, and taken toll from passengers. No evidence was given to shew when or in what manner the Corporation had become possessed of the ferry or premises. *Cooling* deduced title from

the Corporation by proof of a lease from them to one *Robert Cooling* in 1827. This lease did not expressly mention the ferry; but it demised the premises, with "all profits and commodities belonging to the same." He also put in evidence a conveyance of the fee by the Corporation to one *John Hill* in 1835; and a similar conveyance from *John Hill* to himself in 1841. The conveyances referred to the lease, and purported to convey every thing whatsoever which had been thereby demised. It was further objected that *Cooling* had shewn no title to the ferry. The sheriff held that the inquisition was properly taken in the city; and he left the case to the jury, who awarded 380*l.* as compensation; and for that sum judgment was given.

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Crowder and *Tomlinson* shewed cause. *Cooling* was in possession of the ferry which has been "injuriously affected" by the works of the Company within the meaning of stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 20. s. 6.* Compensation in such cases is not limited to injuries done by taking or entering upon the property itself of the landowner; *Regina v. The Eastern Counties Railway Company* (*b*); where it was held that a landowner was entitled to compensation on account of the lowering of a road so as to impede the access to his land. The ferry passed to *Cooling* under the words "profits and commodities." It may be objected that the affidavits do not shew that the landing place on either side belonged to him. This is unnecessary. The owner of

(*a*) *June 28th.* Before Lord *Denman* C. J., *Patteson* and *Erle* Js. *Coleridge* was sitting at *Nisi Prius* in *London*.

(*b*) 2 *Q. B.* 347.

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a ferry must have a right to use the land on both sides of the water for the purpose of embarking and disembarking his passengers; but it is not essential that he should have any property in the soil on either side; *Peter v. Kendal* (a). *Cooling's* possession would have enabled him to maintain an action on the case for disturbance of his ferry; *Trotter v. Harris* (b).

Secondly: The inquisition was rightly taken in the city of *Lincoln*, where the land lay to which the ferry was appurtenant, and where part of the cut itself was also situate. Where a trench made in one county damaged the plaintiff's land in another county, the action was held to be rightly brought in the latter county, although it was required by statute that any such action should be brought in the county where the cause of action arose; *Sutton v. Clarke* (c). Besides, the Company directed its own warrant for the inquisition to the sheriff of the city, and is, therefore, estopped from objecting to the venue.

Sir *J. Jervis*, Attorney General, and *Karslake*, contra. The Company's warrant necessarily followed the terms of *Cooling's* own notice. The evidence failed to shew either that this was a private ferry or that it belonged to *Cooling*; the real complaint is that by the obstruction of a public way in the neighbourhood the resort to his public house has been impeded: and this does not entitle him to compensation; *Rex v. The London Dock Company* (d).

Cur. adv. vult.

(a) 6 B. & C. 703.

(c) 6 Taunt. 29.

(b) 2 Y. & J. 285.

(d) 5 A. & E. 163.

PATTESON J. now delivered the judgment of the Court. Queen's Bench.
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Cooling claims compensation from *The Great Northern Railway Company* in respect of an injury to land held by him in fee in the city of *Lincoln*. The injury, if any, is occasioned by the works of the Company in the county of *Lincoln*, on the other side of the *Fossdyke*, by cutting off communication on the *Lincolnshire* side with a ferry said to belong or be appurtenant to the land of *Cooling*. Objection is made to the jurisdiction of a city jury; but it appears that the boundary of the county and city is in the midst of the *Fossdyke*, and the land injured lies wholly in the city. The jury of the city were therefore competent to try the question; *Sutton v. Clarke (a)*.

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Objection is also made that this case is within the principle of the *London Dock Company's* case (*b*), where it was held that the destruction of houses and public roads in the neighbourhood of a public house, by which the custom of the house was diminished, was not the subject of compensation. But the present case is quite distinguishable. Here the ferry is a private right; and, if it be attached to the land of *Cooling*, the value of that land is seriously affected. The question is, whether it be so attached? *Cooling* is not the owner of the water, nor of the landing places, as it should seem, on either side; certainly not on the *Lincolnshire* side. But it is not essential to a ferry that the owner of it should have the land on either side, if he has the right of using that land for the purpose of the ferry;

(a) 6 Taunt. 29.

(b) *Rex v. The London Dock Company*, 5 A. & E. 163.

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Peter v. Kendal (a): and the evidence of user here for many years is abundant to shew such right.

The only difficulty is the title to the ferry. The land, it appears, belonged to the Corporation of *Lincoln* till the year 1841, when it was sold to a Mr. *Hill*, a trustee of the *Cooling* family, who had a lease of it from the Corporation; and by Mr. *Hill* it was sold to *Cooling*. Neither the lease nor the conveyance expressly mention the ferry, but lease and convey the land with its "*profits and commodities*." There is no evidence as to the original grant of the ferry by the Crown, nor as to any conveyance of it by name. The lessees of the land have always, as far as living memory goes, kept a boat and taken toll at the ferry; and it is plain that they must have done so by the permission of the Corporation, though no express lease of the ferry appears ever to have been made. It is left quite uncertain whether the grant was originally to the owner of the land, and the Corporation had the ferry as such owners, or whether it was to the Corporation as such, independent of their ownership: probably the latter, because the landing place is not shewn to belong to the Corporation or *Cooling*, and, if the grant had been to the owner of the land, it would probably have been to him who owned the landing places. On the other hand, as the Corporation have never separated the land and the ferry, it may fairly be inferred that they were connected by the original grant. If they had at any time been separated, and if the ferry had been conveyed to *Cooling* by the Corporation separately from the land, he clearly would not have been entitled to compensation in respect of any injury to his land,

(a) 6 B. & C. 703.

for which only he claimed it, and for which a jury was summoned and gave their verdict in his favour. But there has been no separate conveyance; and the only question therefore is, whether the ferry has passed to *Cooling* by the conveyance of the land with its "profits and commodities." Under all the circumstances we think that the jury were warranted in coming to the conclusion that it did; and at all events that there is no such want of jurisdiction as to call upon us to grant a writ of certiorari or of prohibition in this case.

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Rule discharged (a).

(a) Reported by *H. Davison, Esq.*

IN THE EXCHEQUER CHAMBER.

OLIVER WATERLOO KING *against* The QUEEN, in
Error.

THE defendant was indicted in the Central Criminal Court. The record in this Court stated that "it was presented as follows; that is to say: Central Criminal Court to wit: The jurors" &c. "present

By the Court
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1. An affidavit to hold to bail, under stat. 1 & 2 Vict.

c. 110. s. 3.,

may be sworn before a writ of summons has been taken out; and therefore, in an indictment for perjury in such an affidavit, it is not necessary to shew that an action had commenced before the affidavit was sworn.

2. Where an indictment contains several counts, and a defendant is convicted on each, a judgment, that the defendant, "for the offence charged upon him in and by each and every count of the indictment aforesaid, be imprisoned in" &c. "for the space of eight calendar months now next ensuing," is correct, and means that the defendant shall be imprisoned for the same eight months upon the charge in each count.

3. After a verdict of Guilty, on an indictment, and prayer of judgment, the record stated that it appeared to the Court "that the verdict was unduly given," and the Court "vacated and made void" the verdict, and all other process against the first jury, and ordered that a new jury should come, because the coroner and defendant had put themselves on the last mentioned jury. A second verdict of Guilty was found; and judgment passed thereon. Such entry is sufficient on writ of error, though no reason be assigned on the record for holding the first verdict to have been unduly given.

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that, before the commission of the offence in the first count of this indictment mentioned, a certain action of debt had been commenced in the Court of Queen's Bench at *Westminster*, by writ of summons duly issued" &c., in which action defendant was plaintiff and *George Felthouse* defendant: "And the jurors aforesaid, upon their oath aforesaid, do further present that" &c.: the first count then charged that the present defendant, for the purpose of having *Felthouse* held to bail, and obtaining a *capias* against him, swore to the truth of an affidavit: and perjury was assigned upon this.

The second count charged that defendant, wilfully &c. intending unjustly to aggrieve *Felthouse*, &c., "and also unjustly and maliciously to cause him" "to be arrested for the sum of 46*l.* by virtue of a" "capias, to be sued out and prosecuted at the suit of him the said *O. W. King*, afterwards," to wit on &c., "at the Liberty of the Rolls aforesaid, in the county aforesaid, and within the jurisdiction of the said Court, came in his proper person before Sir *Cresswell Cresswell*, Knight," &c., "and then and there produced a certain affidavit in writing of him, the said *O. W. K.*, and then and there, before the said Sir *C. C.*, was in due form of law sworn, and took his corporal oath" &c., "concerning the truth of the matters contained in the said affidavit in this count mentioned, he, the said Sir *C. C.*" (averment of the Judge's competency to administer the oath); "and that the said *O. W. K.*, being so sworn" &c., "then and there, upon his oath aforesaid before the said Sir *C. C.*" (averment of competency), "falsely, corruptly, knowingly," &c., "in and by his said affidavit in writing in this count mentioned,

did depose and swear (amongst other things) in substance and to the effect following, that is to say : that the abovenamed defendant (meaning thereby the said *G. Felthouse*) then was justly and truly indebted to the then deponent (meaning thereby himself, the said *O. W. K.*), in the sum of 46*l.* for goods sold and delivered by the then deponent (thereby meaning himself the said *O. W. K.*) to the said defendant (meaning thereby the said *G. F.*) at his request, and for money lent by the then deponent (meaning himself the said *O. W. K.*) to the said defendant (meaning thereby the said *G. F.*) at his request ; whereas, in truth and in fact," &c. : averment that *Felthouse* was not indebted to *King* in 46*l.*, but in a sum below 20*l.*, to wit 10*l.* only, " as he, the said *O. W. K.*, at the time he so swore and made affidavit as in this count aforesaid, well knew ; and so the jurors" &c. (finding of perjury).

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The record then set out the removal into this Court by certiorari ; a plea of Not guilty in this Court ; joinder by *Charles Frederick Robinson*, Esquire, Coroner &c. ; and jury process, continued to the trial at *Westminster* ; the return of the postea, with the finding that the defendant " is guilty of the premises in the indictment within specified and charged upon him, in manner and form as in and by the said indictment is within alleged against him. And hereupon the said *C. F. Robinson*, who prosecuteth " &c., " prayeth the judgment of the said Court here against the said *O. W. K.* upon the verdict aforesaid so given against him as aforesaid. Whereupon, all and singular the premises being seen and fully understood by the said Court of our said Lady the Queen now here, because it appears to the said Court here that the said verdict,

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so given against the said *O. W. K.* as aforesaid, was unduly given, therefore the said verdict is, by the Court here, vacated and made void; and, all other process ceasing against the jury before impanelled, the sheriff of the said county of *Middlesex* is commanded that he cause a jury anew thereupon to come before our said Lady the Queen, at *Westminster*, on *Monday* the 31st day of *January* in this same term, by whom the truth" &c., "to try, upon their oath, whether the said *O. W. K.* be guilty of the premises aforesaid or not, because as well the said *C. F. Robinson*, who for our said Lady the Queen" &c., "as the said *O. W. K.*, have thereupon put themselves upon the said last mentioned jury. The same day is given as well to the said *C. F. R.*" &c. as to the said *O. W. K.* The jury process was then continued to the trial; and the record set out the return of the postea, with the finding of Guilty, in the same terms as before. Then followed prayer of judgment, continuance by cur. adv. vult., and the judgment of the Court of Queen's Bench, "that he, the said *Oliver Waterloo King*, for the offence charged upon him in and by each and every count of the indictment aforesaid, be imprisoned in the Queen's prison for the space of eight calendar months now next ensuing," and "he, the said *O. W. K.*, is now here in court committed" in execution of the judgment.

King brought error upon this judgment: and the Coroner joined.

The case was argued in this vacation (*June* 13th), before *Coltman*, *Maule*, *Cresswell* and *Williams* Js., and *Parke*, *Alderson*, *Rolfe* and *Platt* Bs. (a).

(a) *Coltman* J. and *Rolfe* and *Platt* Bs. left the Court towards the close of the argument on this day.

Pashley, for the plaintiff in error (defendant below). Queen's Bench.
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 The indictment does not sufficiently connect the affidavit with the action. The second count does not even shew that, at the time when the oath was made, there was any action at all. [*Maule J.* I think it has been held that the affidavit in such a case may be sworn before the writ of summons issues. *Parke* and *Alderson* Bs. concurred.] If the Court adhere to the decision of the Court of Exchequer in *Schletter v. Cohen* (a), the objection certainly fails.

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Secondly, the process upon which the jurymen are summoned, on whose verdict the consideration and judgment rest, is erroneous. The record states, as to the first verdict, that "it appears to the said Court here that the said verdict, so given against the said *O. W. King* as aforesaid, was unduly given;" and that verdict is thereupon vacated and another venire awarded. The fault in the first verdict ought to be specified. That the defect making a venire de novo necessary should be shewn on the record appears from the language of *Parke B.* in *Gee v. Swann* (b). There *Bro. Abr., Verdict*, pl. 17, 18., *Proces*, pl. 72, *Venire facias*, pl. 15, 16, is cited, with other authorities, shewing causes for which a venire de novo may be awarded. In *Mounson & West's Case* (c) an objection was taken that the jury had eaten; and the fact was put on the record, and the effect discussed. [*Parke B.* The Court of Error always could give a right judgment in favour of the defendant in the indictment: now, by stat. 11 & 12 *Vict. c. 78. s. 5.*, a right judgment may be given against him, where the original judgment against

(a) 7 *M. & W.* 389.

(b) 9 *M. & W.* 685.

(c) 1 *Leon.* 132. See *Downhall and Catesby's Case*, 4 *Leon.* 113.

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him was erroneous.] Supposing the statute applicable to a case like this, it is not easy to see how it is to be carried into effect. In the note to *Gould v. Oliver* (a) the reporters explain the difference between a venire de novo and a new trial: the latter is a relief, given by the Court in the exercise of a discretionary power, against a latent grievance: the former is matter of right in respect of something appearing on the record. In the case of a new trial, the first trial does not appear on the record at all. Some analogy may be drawn from the case of the discharge of a jury, which was much discussed in *Conway v. The Queen* (b), where the fact of the discharge of the jury, and the reason for it, appeared by plea on the record, and were considered by the Judges on a writ of error. It is manifest that this is necessary: otherwise a Judge, who expected a verdict contrary to his own wishes, might arbitrarily discharge the jury; and the writ of error is founded on the assumption that the Court below may do wrong, as was pointed out by *Coltman J.* and by Lord *Cottenham*, in *O'Connell v. The Queen* (c). In cases which are only technically criminal, as for instance cases of indictment for non-repair, it was doubted whether a new trial could be granted after verdict for the defendant; *Rex v. Sutton* (d). In cases of new trial, if it appeared on the record that the Court below had thought the verdict on the first trial against the evidence, that perhaps might be properly assumed in the Court of error as conclusively shewing that it was

(a) 2 M. & G. 238. note (b).

(b) 7 Irish Law Rep. 149. See *M. C. Newton's Case*, 13 Q. B. 716.

(c) 11 Cl. & F. 155. 271. 392.

(d) 5 B. & Ad. 52. See note (a) to *Regina v. Chorley*, 12 Q. B. 515.

so. [*Parke B.* In *Rex v. Mawbey* (a), where, upon an indictment for a conspiracy, two defendants had been acquitted and two convicted, *Lawrence J.* said, upon an application on behalf of the last two for a new trial, that two modes had been suggested to meet the difficulty arising from the right of the defendants who had been acquitted to have the first venire on the record: "The one was to alter the first venire; the other, to make an entry on the record that the verdict against two of the defendants was improperly given, and then to award a new trial as far as respected them. I do not know that the first mode is objectionable. In civil actions no notice at all is taken on the record of the first venire when a new trial is granted: and if we were to grant a new trial in this case in respect of two of the defendants, I see no objection to altering the first venire as to them and to let it stand as to the other defendants who were acquitted. The second mode suggested has already been adopted; it was so in *R. v. Robins* (b), after great consideration; where the Court made an entry that it appeared to them that the verdict was unduly given, therefore the verdict is by the Court set aside and the sheriff is commanded to summon a new jury. And that was in the case of a criminal proceeding." The mode in which the record in *Rex v. Robins* (b) was made up is stated in the argument in *Rex v. Mawbey* (c).] In *Rex v. Mawbey* (d) Lord Kenyon certainly asserts in very broad terms the right of the Court to grant a new trial in cases of misdemeanour. That case was assented to by *Coleridge J.* in *Regina v.*

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(a) 6 T. R. 619. 640.

(b) Cited in *Rex v. Mawbey*, 6 T. R. 626.

(c) 6 T. R. 626.

(d) 6 T. R. 638.

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Gompertz (a). [Maule J. Suppose a Court has granted a new trial on the ground that the jury was improperly influenced: it should seem that this is just what ought not to be placed on the record.] That is not the state of things now before the Court. In *Rex v. Tremearne* (b) the Court granted a new trial after a verdict of Guilty, because (though without collusion by either party) a person not summoned on the panel had served as jurymen: that, more properly, was ground for error in fact which should have appeared on the record. [Parke B. Is this properly a venire de novo? It does not issue upon error assigned. Can we not say that we see this to be only a grant of a new trial?] The record does not allow that. [Parke B. mentioned *Gray v. The Queen* (c).] The plaintiff in error has the right to impeach the proceedings of the Court below. The denial of a bill of exceptions in criminal cases furnishes no just analogy the other way: the reasons given for that practice, in *Vane's Case* (d), would hardly be upheld now. [Alderson B. I heard the case of *Rex v. Creevey* (e) tried before Mr. Justice Le Blanc: and I recollect that he refused to receive a bill of exceptions.] That case was mentioned in *King v. Simmonds* (g) in the House of Lords; and Lord Brougham said that the Statute of *Westminster* the Second (1 stat. 13 Ed. 1. c. 31.) was distinctly held to apply to misdemeanours in *Rex v. Creevey* (e). [Alder-

(a) 9 Q. B. 824. 842.

(b) 5 B. & C. 254.

(c) 11 Cl. & F. 427.

(d) *Kelyng*, 14, 15. See note to *Vane's Case*, 6 How. St. Tr. 131, 132.

(e) See the case in Banc, 1 M. & S. 273., where a rule for a new trial, on the ground of misdirection, was moved for and refused.

(g) 1 H. Lds Ca. 754. 764.

son B. Then why did not Lord *Brougham* raise the question, as counsel for the defendant, in *Rex v. Creevey* (a)? He moved for a new trial.] *Rex v. Mawbey* (b) was mentioned in *Regina v. Gamble* (c), and, so far as relates to the power of granting new trials, was not disputed.

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Next, the record of the indictment sets out that it "was presented," instead of "is presented," which is wrong; *Rex v. Perin* (d).

Further, the language of the judgment is irregular and unmeaning. It passes one sentence of imprisonment for "the offence charged" "in and by each and every count." [*Maule J.* The verdict finds that he has done all that he is charged with: upon that he is liable to the punishment. If your complaint is that the word "offence" is used instead of "offences," the question becomes merely one of grammar. *Parke B.* I think the judgment means that he is to be imprisoned for the same period of eight months for each offence; the "eight calendar months now next ensuing."] In *Rex v. Salomons* (e) a similar objection was sustained; and, in *Rex v. Powell* (g), Lord *Tenterden*, though he distinguishes between the words "misdemeanour" and "offence," holding the former to be nomen collectivum, yet appears not to deny the propriety of the objection to the use of the word "offence." [*Parke B.* Suppose

(a) See antè, p. 38., and note (e), *ibid.*

(b) 6 T. R. 619.

(c) 16 M. & W. 384. 412.

(d) 2 Saund. 393. The word "was" appears to be only part of the narrative, in this Court, of what took place before the certiorari, and to be therefore proper.

(e) 1 T. R. 249.

(g) 2 B. & Ad. 75. See *Ryalls v. The Queen*, 11 Q. B. 781.; *Campbell v. The Queen*, 11 Q. B. 799.

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PARKE B. We should like to see the precedent in *Rex v. Robins*, mentioned in *Rex v. Mawbey* (a). We shall affirm the judgment, as to this point, without calling on the counsel for the defendant in error, if we find that precedent agreeing with the present record. The only question as to the form of entry would be, whether there is error in putting on the record this reason for ordering a new trial, instead of simply ordering it. I do not see why this form should not be pursued. It is true that in civil cases no entry is made as to the first trial, when a second trial is ordered; and it is desirable that there should be none, because no writ of error would lie on the order for a new trial: and that course might be also pursued in criminal cases. But I see nothing erroneous in adopting this form: and, if we find precedent for it, we shall affirm the judgment.

As to the time of swearing the affidavit, it is the constant practice to swear it before the writ of summons issues.

The other Judges concurred.

ALDERSON B. As to the question respecting the bill of exceptions, you will probably find some information in Sir *D. Evans's Collection of Statutes* (b).

(*C. Clark* was to have argued for the Crown.)

Cur. adv. vult.

On the next day (*June 14th*),

(a) 6 T. R. 626.

(b) See vol. 3. p. 841. note (1), 3d ed.

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so given against them as aforesaid:" then followed several continuances by cur. adv. vult., and an appearance, on the last day given, by the Coroner and *W. Smith* and *H. Smith*, and prayer of judgment: "whereupon, all and singular the premises being seen" &c., "because it appears to the said Court here that the said verdict, so given against the said *William Smith* and' *Henry Smith* as aforesaid, was unduly given, Therefore the said verdict, so far as respects the said *William Smith* and *Henry Smith*, is by the Court here vacated and made void; and, all other process ceasing against the jury before impanelled, the sheriff of the said county of *Monmouth* is commanded that he cause a jury anew thereupon to come before our said Lord the King, on" &c., wheresoever &c., "by whom the truth" &c., "to try upon their oath whether the said *William Smith* and *Henry Smith* are, or either of them be, guilty of the premises aforesaid, or not; because as well the said *E. H. L.*, who for our said Lord" &c., "as the said *W. S.* and *H. S.* have thereupon severally put themselves upon that same last mentioned jury. The same day is given" &c. "At which time" &c. (a). The other record was of *Michaelmas* term 1833, *Rex v. Hodgson and three others*, one of whom was acquitted, three convicted: there was a new venire as to the three who were convicted; and the entry corresponded in form to that in *Rex v. Smith*.

PARKE B. That is quite sufficient to authorise us in affirming the judgment in the present case.

Judgment affirmed.

(a) The Reporters are informed by Mr. *Robinson*, the Master of the Crown office, that this entry was drawn by himself from the record in *Rex v. Robins*.

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PASHLEY, in *Michaelmas* term 1847, obtained a rule calling on the prosecutors in this case to shew cause why the following order, which had been brought up by certiorari, should not be quashed for insufficiency.

By the rules of a Friendly society, any member rendered by illness incapable of working was to receive, as long as he continued unable

to work, a weekly allowance, and was not allowed to do any kind of work except receiving or paying money, giving verbal orders or signing his name; any member attempting to defraud the Society was to be excluded: all matters in dispute between the Society and any individual member were to be referred to arbitration; the arbitrators were to hear evidence on both sides, and their decision was to bind all parties and be final.

Justices, under stat. 4 & 5 W. 4. c. 40. s. 7., made an order, finding that it was proved before them, on oath, that *J.* had been a member for eighteen months; that, by the rules, disputes were to be referred as above; that, for nine calendar months, *J.* was by illness rendered incapable of working, and received a weekly allowance, till the Society refused to pay him, and expelled him; that a dispute thereon arose, which was referred to arbitrators in pursuance of the rules; that the arbitrators had been called on by *J.* to hear evidence on both sides, and to make their award, but had *wholly neglected and refused* to make such award; that *J.* complained to a justice, and obtained a summons against the president, who, with *J.*, appeared before the justices making the order; and the justices by the order found the allegations to be true, and ordered *J.* to be reinstated in the Society.

The order was brought up by certiorari, and motion was made to quash it, on affidavit that the parties had met before the arbitrators, when evidence was given on the part of the Society, and *J.*, being called upon for his defence, said that the evidence was true, adding that he had witnesses as to his character (which was not in dispute), and no other witnesses: whereupon the arbitrators awarded that *J.* should be expelled; and that these facts had been proved before the justices.

In answer, it was sworn that *J.* had been charged with an act amounting to working while receiving the allowance; that he had, at the meeting before the arbitrators, tendered evidence material to the merits of the case; but that the arbitrators had refused to hear it, and had decided *ex parte* on the evidence given for the Society; and that *J.* had not stated as alleged in the affidavit on the other side.

Held: that the finding by the justices of the arbitrators having neglected to award was not conclusive, that being a fact preliminary to the jurisdiction of the justices: but that, there being contradictory evidence before the justices on the question whether the arbitrators had refused to hear evidence on behalf of *J.*, the justices were warranted in considering the refusal proved; and, if they did so consider, in finding that there was no award according to the rules of the Society; and therefore that their order was not made without jurisdiction, and was good.

It was deposed that the Society was formed within the borough of *Leeds*, which is within the West Riding of *Yorkshire*, but has a Court of Quarter Sessions, and justices with exclusive jurisdiction; that all the meetings were held, and all the business transacted, and the award made, within the borough; but that *J.* resided, and the act with which he was charged took place, in the West Riding, without the borough.

Held: that the justices of the West Riding had jurisdiction to hear *J.*'s complaint and make the order.

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“ To the President, Stewards and Members of the friendly society called *The Leeds Philanthropic Society*, held at *Leeds*, in the West Riding of the county of *York*.

“ West Riding of *Yorkshire*, to wit. Be it remembered that it is now here proved to us, the undersigned *Joseph Holdsworth*, *Edward Tew* and *John George Smyth* Esquires, three of Her Majesty's justices of the peace acting in and for the West Riding of the county of *York*, upon oath, on the hearing of the complaint hereinafter mentioned, that *Philemon Jaques*, of *Wakefield* in the said Riding, shoemaker, for eighteen calendar months and upwards before the making of the said complaint, had been and was admitted a member of a certain friendly society, called *The Leeds Philanthropic Society*, duly established and holden at *Leeds*, in the said Riding, under a certain act ” &c. (10 G. 4. c. 56.), “ ‘ To consolidate and amend the laws relating to friendly societies’ (a), pursuant to

(a) Sect. 27 enacts : “ that provision shall be made by one or more of the rules of every such society, to be confirmed as required by this act, specifying whether a reference of every matter in dispute between any such society, or any person acting under them, and any individual member thereof, or person claiming on account of any member, shall be made to such of his Majesty's justices of the peace as may act in and for the county in which such society may be formed, or to arbitrators to be appointed in manner hereinafter directed.” The section then specifies how arbitrators are to be appointed. “ And whatever award shall be made by the said arbitrators, or the major part of them, according to the true purport and meaning of the rules of such society, confirmed by the justices according to the directions of this act, shall be in the form to this act annexed, and shall be binding and conclusive on all parties, and shall be final, to all intents and purposes, without appeal, or being subject to the controul of one or more justices of the peace, and shall not be removed or removable into any court of law, or restrained or restrainable by the injunction of any court of equity.” Provision is then made for enforcing performance of the award by summons before two justices, and distress.

Sect. 28 enacts : that, if the rules direct that any matter in dispute be “ decided by justices of the peace,” “ any such justice,” on complaint, may grant a summons ; and it shall be lawful “ for any two justices ” to hear and determine the complaint according to the rules of the society : and provision is made for enforcing any adjudication they may make for payment of money.

Stat. 4 & 5 W. 4. c. 40. (“ to amend an act of the 10th year of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, ‘ to consolidate ’ ” &c.) recites, in sect. 7, the provision of the former act for referring to justices or arbitrators, and enacts : “ That when the rules of any society provide for a reference to

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a dispute did thereupon, on the 2d day of *November*, arise between the said *P. Jaques* and the said Society touching the said expulsion and exclusion, he, the said *P. Jaques*, then and there asserting to the said Society that his aforesaid expulsion and exclusion was then and there wrongful, and that he, the said *P. Jaques*, ought forthwith to be restored to the full enjoyment of his rights as a member of the said Society: which said assertions were then and there denied by the said Society. That the said *P. Jaques* thereupon, on the 3d day of *November* aforesaid, made application there to *James Ingham*, then and there being the president for the time being of the said Society, for the purpose of having the said dispute settled by arbitration, pursuant to the said rules, orders and regulations, and to the provisions of the said statutes in such case made and provided: and the said *P. Jaques* and the said Society thereupon referred the said matter in dispute to *William Fieldhouse*, *William Marshall* and *John Darby*, arbitrators appointed in that behalf pursuant to the said rules, orders and regulations and the provisions of the statutes in such case made and provided, who should hear evidence on both sides, and finally decide the said matter in difference." That, "though the said arbitrators had often, before the making of the said complaint, been called upon by the said *P. Jaques* to hear evidence on both sides touching the said matter in dispute, and to make their award therein, they the said arbitrators have, until and at the time of the making of the said complaint, and from thence continually hitherto, wholly neglected and refused so to do, and still neglect and refuse so to do. And that the said *P. Jaques* afterwards, to wit on the 21st day of *December* now last past, at *Wakefield* in the said Riding, did make his complaint to *John George Smyth*, Esquire, one of her Majesty's justices of the peace acting in and for the said Riding and then residing within the said Riding." The order then recited a complaint upon oath by *Jaques*, before the single justice, stating (substantially as above) that he was a member of the Society, that the rules provided for a reference to arbitrators, that he had been a member for eighteen months, and had for nine months then last past been rendered by illness incapable of working, and had received his allowance until the 24th *October*, and had been expelled on the 2d *November*, without cause; that a dispute had, in consequence, arisen between him and the Society, and he had applied to *Ingham* for the purpose of its being settled by arbitrators, "but the said arbitrators had neglected and refused, and still did neglect and refuse, to make any award in the premises. Wherefore the said *P. Jaques* prayed that *George Grant*," president of the Society for the time being, "might be summoned to answer the said complaint, and that two of Her Majesty's justices of the peace for the said Riding might hear and determine the matter in dispute, pursuant to the statutes in such case made and provided. And be it further remembered that thereupon" &c.; the order then set forth that *Grant* had been summoned, and the

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and it was further deposed that a meeting before the arbitrators, for the hearing of the said parties, was “duly appointed, touching the matters in difference; of which said meeting the said *P. Jaques* had due notice: and that the said arbitrators and the said parties, including the said *P. Jaques*, met accordingly on the 30th day of *November* now last, at *Leeds* aforesaid, and then and there entered upon the said reference. That evidence on the part of the said Society was given at the said meeting before the said arbitrators, in the presence and hearing of the said *P. Jaques*; and that the said *P. Jaques* was then and there called upon to make his defence touching the charges and the matters in dispute aforesaid; and that he, the said *P. Jaques*, then said that the evidence which had been then given on the part of the said Society was true, but that he had several witnesses to speak as to his character and alleged sickness: and that the said arbitrators then enquired of him, the said *P. Jaques*, whether he had any further evidence to offer touching the matters in dispute before them; and that he then stated that he had not any witnesses, except such witnesses as spoke

Rule 19, contains provisions for the burial of members, varying according as they die within five miles of *Leeds Bridge*, or beyond.

Rule 21 provides that, if the president, &c., or any member, attempt to defraud the Society “in any case whatever, all such, against whom clear proof is made to the committee, shall be excluded.”

Rule 26. “That all matters in dispute between this Society, or any person acting under it, and any individual member or person claiming on account of any member shall be referred to arbitration, pursuant to 10th Geo. IV. cap. 56, sec. 27.” Provision is then made for the appointment of arbitrators; as to which no point arose in the case. “Such arbitrators shall hear evidence on both sides, and their decision binding to all parties, and shall be final.”

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situate at *Wakefield*. That no part of *Wakefield*, or the parish of *Wakefield*, is within the borough of *Leeds* in the West Riding. That, from 14th *March* 1846 to 24th *October* 1846, *Jaques* was by illness rendered incapable of working; that, from 4th *November* 1845, he had resided at *Wakefield*, and that he had never resided or carried on business within the borough of *Leeds*, or elsewhere except at *Wakefield*. “That, on the 2d of *November* 1846, the said Society, at a club night thereof, held in the said Riding, charged this deponent” (*Jaques*) “with having, at *Wakefield* aforesaid, on the 23d day of *October* 1846, violated the twelfth rule of the said Society, by reaching, from a window in the house of this deponent, situate at *Wakefield* aforesaid, a glass containing a spice walking stick of the value of one halfpenny, and receiving one halfpenny for it, the reaching of which said glass, and receiving one halfpenny, the said Society then and there alleged was working, no member being allowed to do any work during the time he was receiving the benefit specified in the said twelfth rule.” That *Jaques* denied that he had done any work; but was expelled. That he attended, with material witnesses (named), on a day and at a place appointed by the Society for hearing before the arbitrators the matters in dispute; but none of the arbitrators attended: and that he again attended, with the same witnesses, on another day and at a place named by the Society; and that the Society there charged him, before the arbitrators, with violating the twelfth rule by the act before mentioned, and did not prefer any other complaint and charge. “That evidence on the part of the said Society was given at the said last mentioned meeting before the arbitrators.

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informed the said arbitrators that he had evidence touching the matters in dispute, and the merits of the said matters in dispute; and that his said witnesses were in one of the rooms of the said house at which the said last mentioned meeting was held, ready and willing to give their evidence on behalf of this deponent; and that the said arbitrators then refused to hear the said evidence or examine this deponent's witnesses." "That the said" &c. (the witnesses for *Jaques* before named) "were material and necessary witnesses for and on the behalf of this deponent, touching the said matters in dispute and the merits" &c.; and that the said witnesses, or any of them, were not to speak as to the character and alleged sickness of this deponent. That the said arbitrators, or any of them, could not decide the said matters in dispute justly, candidly and impartially, on the ex parte evidence on the part of the said Society, and without hearing the evidence on behalf of him this deponent touching the merits of the said matters in dispute." "That the said dispute and matters in difference did not arise and take place at and within the borough of *Leeds* aforesaid, but at *Wakefield* aforesaid." That it was proved on oath, before the three justices, that the arbitrators "had neglected and refused to hear evidence on behalf of him, the said complainant, and touching the merits of the said matters in dispute; contrary to the 26th rule of the said Society and the said statutes." The witnesses named also deposed that they had attended to give evidence for *Jaques*, "touching the said matters in dispute, and the merits of the said matters in dispute," without hearing which the arbitrators could not decide justly.

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to begin the inquiry. The argument on the other side must go the length of shewing that the justices would have had no jurisdiction though it had appeared to them that the award had been made without either side being heard. [Lord *Denman* C. J. The affidavits in support of the rule say that the only evidence offered and rejected was as to the health and character. If you say that is material, I think you fail: if you say there was other evidence, you are contradicted.] If there be a contradiction as to fact, the Court will uphold the finding of the justices. A bad award is no award. *Harding v. Holmes* (a) indeed contradicts this: and in *Wills v. Maccarmick* (b) it was decided that, on Nil debet pleaded to debt on award, it could not be shewn that the arbitrators had acted corruptly. The former of these decisions cannot be supported; the latter, if correct, is so only with regard to the particular form of pleading. *Braddick v. Thompson* (c) goes farther still, and decides that no plea can raise the question. That case was acted upon in *Grazebrook v. Davis* (d), where, however, the plea seems to have been held insufficient to raise the objection. In *Holland v. Brooks* (e) it was laid down that a rule for an attachment cannot be resisted on the ground of defects not appearing on the face of the award; and *Brazier v. Bryant* (g) confirms this: and the rule is so far reasonable, as the party moving for the attachment has no opportunity of answering. But Lord *Coke*, in *James Osborn's Case* (h), assumes no arbitrement

(a) 1 *Wils.* 122.

(b) 2 *Wils.* 148.

(c) 8 *East*, 344.

(d) 5 *B. & C.* 534. See *Willoughby v. Willoughby*, 9 *Q. B.* 923.

(e) 6 *T. R.* 161.

(g) 3 *Bing.* 167.

(h) 10 *Rep.* 130 a. 131 b.

and a void arbitrement to be "all one in law." *Queen's Bench.*
 [Wightman J. Is he speaking of defects on the face of 1849.
 the award? In *Fisher v. Pimbley* (a) an award reciting The QUEEN
 the terms of the submission and shewing an incon- v.
 sistency with those terms was held to be no award.] GRANT.
 When the award is impeached for want of authority to
 act, it clearly is competent to shew matter not apparent
 on the award itself. In *Rudston and Yate's Case* (b)
 an action of debt was brought on a bond conditioned
 to perform an award; and the defendant pleaded No
 award: it appeared, by special verdict, that one of
 the parties to the submission, not a party to the action,
 was an infant at the time of the submission: and judg-
 ment was given for the defendant. Suppose a sub-
 mission were to the award of a majority of three arbi-
 trators, and two acted without the third being summoned.
 [Coleridge J. In these cases, the authority has never
 vested.] The case last put might almost be termed
 one of defective procedure. The language of Hul-
 lock B. in *Rex v. Bingham* (c) seems to carry the prin-
 ciple of avoiding an award for invalidity beyond the
 case of a defect apparent on the award. In *Hickes v.*
Cracknell (d) debt was brought on a bond conditioned
 for the payment of an annuity; and the defendant
 pleaded that no memorial was enrolled containing
 names of witnesses, date of bond, &c., and pecuniary
 consideration: replication, that a memorial was en-
 rolled, which was set forth, with verification by the
 record: rejoinder, that the memorial contained false
 statements of fact: and this was held a good rejoinder

(a) 11 *East*, 188.(b) *March*, 141.(c) 3 *Y. & J.* 101. 110.(d) 3 *M. & W.* 72.

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and no departure. In *Gisborne v. Hart* (a) it was held that a plea that the arbitrator did not duly make and publish his award concerning the premises referred would have been supported by evidence, dehors the award, that the award did not dispose of all the issues. Accordingly, in *Dresser v. Stansfield* (b), it was decided that, in an action of debt on an award, a special plea shewing that the arbitrator had not awarded on all the issues was bad on special demurrer, as amounting to a traverse of the award having been made.

Secondly, it is objected that the justices had no jurisdiction in respect of place. The statute gives them jurisdiction as arbitrators: it is not exercised under their general commission. Sect. 27 of stat. 10 G. 4. c. 56. requires that the rules shall specify whether reference of the disputes is to be made to justices of "the county in which such society may be formed," or arbitrators. By the interpretation clause, sect. 38, "county" will "include county, riding, division, or place." But, as these rules have directed that the reference shall be to arbitrators, no justices could, as such, act under this statute: if they could, it might be questioned whether, as *Leeds* is within the ambit of the Riding, the Riding justices might not act. Then stat. 4 & 5 W. 4. c. 40. s. 7. enacts that, when the rules refer the disputes to arbitrators, and they have neglected or refused to make the award, "any justice of the peace" may summon the trustees &c., and "any two justices" may hear and determine. Supposing this to be restrained by the language of the earlier statute, still it does not appear that this Society

(a) 5 M. & W. 50.

(b) 14 M. & W. 822.

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there was such neglect and refusal because the arbitrators refused to hear evidence touching the merits. But the affidavit does not even raise this point properly; for it is not deposed in what respect the evidence was to affect the merits. And it is clear that a mere misruling of the arbitrators as to materiality of evidence does not constitute a neglect to act; if it did, it would also support a plea that no award had been made: but a series of cases, many of which have been cited on the other side, shew that that is not so; *Braddick v. Thompson* (a), *Grazebrook v. Davis* (b), *Johnson v. Durant* (c), and the authorities in notes (3), (k) and (l) to *Veale v. Warner* (d). Cases in which this Court has refused to interfere by mandamus, where the tribunal below has exercised its judgment, are analogous in principle. Such are *Rex v. The Justices of Cumberland* (e), *Rex v. The Justices of Carnarvon* (g), *Rex v. Justices of Cambridgeshire* (h), *Rex v. The Justices of Leicestershire* (i), *Rex v. The Justices of Monmouthshire* (k), *Regina v. Kesteven* (l) and other cases overruling *Regina v. The Justices of Carnarvonshire* (m) and *Regina v. The Justices of The West Riding*, (n); and, as to a certiorari, another case of *Rex v. The Justices of Monmouthshire* (o). [Lord Denman C. J. All these authorities are against you, if

(a) 8 *East*, 344.

(b) 5 *B. & C.* 534.

(c) 2 *B. & Ad.* 925.

(d) 1 *Wms. Saund.* 327 a. (6th ed.)

(e) 1 *M. & S.* 190.

(g) 4 *B. & Ald.* 86. See the judgment of *Holroyd J.*

(h) 1 *Dowl. & R.* 325.

(i) 1 *M. & S.* 442.

(k) 4 *B. & C.* 844.

(l) 3 *Q. B.* 810. See *Regina v. Deputies of Freemen of Leicester*, 15 *Q. B.* 671.

(m) 2 *Q. B.* 325.

(n) 2 *Q. B.* 331.

(o) 8 *B. & C.* 137.

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Mildenhall Savings Bank (a) shew the disposition of the Courts to leave these questions to the decision of arbitrators. The cases cited on the other side, where the award shewed that the submission had not been pursued, or where the submission was itself invalid, are inapplicable. There is nothing in *Gisborne v. Hart* (b) and *Dresser v. Stansfield* (c) which goes farther than to shew that an award may be impeached where it appears, even by matter dehors the award, not to be made de præmissis.

Secondly, the justices of the West Riding could not act in the matter, inasmuch as the Society was formed at *Leeds*. Stress is laid on the words, in stat. 4 & 5 W. 4. c. 40. s. 7., “any two justices:” but, if that be a correct argument, the order might have been made by justices of *Middlesex*. Such words apply only to justices having jurisdiction in the place, either by common law or statute; *In the Matter of Peerless* (d). Then it is said that *Jaques* resided out of *Leeds*, and that the act which gave rise to the dispute occurred also out of *Leeds*. But, as before argued, if the residence and the act had been in *Middlesex*, would justices of *Middlesex* have had jurisdiction? The justices of *Leeds* clearly had jurisdiction; and it can hardly be a case of concurrent jurisdiction. [*R. Hall* referred to *Rex v. Sainsbury* (e).] The Court will not favour a construction attended with so much inconvenience. It has been pointed out that the rules were confirmed and enrolled in the Riding: but that could

(a) 6 A. & E. 952

(c) 14 M. & W. 822.

(e) 4 T. R. 451.

(b) 5 M. & W. 50.

(d) 1 Q. B. 143.

not legally be done ; and this would destroy the jurisdiction altogether. [*Coleridge J.* Then the arbitrators had none.] The question now before the Court is on the validity of the order of the justices.

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LORD DENMAN C. J., in this vacation (*June 21st*), delivered the judgment of the Court.

On a motion to quash an order of justices brought up by certiorari, it appeared by the affidavits that the complainant had applied to arbitrators duly appointed according to the statute ; that they had, in fact, made an award between the complainant and the Friendly society ; that the complainant, treating the award as void and null, had then applied to justices, who made the order in question, and therein declare that the arbitrators had neglected and omitted to make any award ; this being the condition on which their jurisdiction to take cognizance of the dispute depends.

Upon these facts, the question has been, whether the statement in the order, that the arbitrators had neglected and omitted to make an award, was conclusive.

It is clear that the decision of a tribunal lawfully constituted upon a question properly brought before it, respecting a matter within its jurisdiction, is not open to review on certiorari ; *Regina v. Bolton (a)* : but the decision of persons, assuming to be a tribunal, that they are lawfully constituted, is open to review. Thus a decision, either by a justice that he was in the commission, or by an arbitrator under a statute that he was duly appointed, or by a sheriff that a valid writ of trial

(a) 1 Q. B. 66.

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had issued to him, might be shewn by affidavit to be untrue.

In the present case, the justices are in the nature of second arbitrators, the reference being conditional upon the first arbitrators neglecting or omitting to award: and their decision that this condition existed is a decision upon one of the preliminaries necessary for constituting them a lawful tribunal for this matter. It is, therefore, not conclusive within the principle laid down in *Regina v. Bolton* (a), but falls within the latter of the two limitations of it there mentioned.

The first limitation is: where, on the proceedings leading to the adjudication, a want of the jurisdiction appears, a decision asserting jurisdiction is of no avail. Of this, *Welch v. Nash* (b) is an example; in which case the jurisdiction to order the stopping up of an old highway, after being diverted and turned, depended upon the setting out of a new way in lieu of the old one; and it appeared that no new way had been set out, but an old way had been widened in different parts; this fact was apparent from the proceedings themselves, as maps were annexed to each order; and the oral evidence for the defendant could do no more than explain and apply the maps. The judgment was, that the magistrates could not make the widening of an old way in parts a setting out of a new way by stating it to be so in their adjudication and order.

The second limitation is, where the charge is really insufficient, but is misstated in drawing up the proceedings, so that they appear regular. In such case it is competent to the defendant to shew by affidavit what

(a) 1 Q. B. 66.

(b) 8 East, 394.

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within the terms and intention of stat. 10 *G.* 4. c. 56. s. 27. Stat. 4 & 5 *W.* c. 40. s. 7., giving jurisdiction to the justices in case of the neglect or refusal of the arbitrators to make an award, recites stat. 10 *G.* 4. c. 56. s. 27., and intends an award final and binding within the meaning of that statute. It seems to follow that the justices have jurisdiction where the award is not in this sense final and binding. And we have, therefore, come to the conclusion that they had jurisdiction in the case now before us.

Another question was, whether the justices for the county had jurisdiction, it being alleged that the matter in difference arose entirely within the jurisdiction of the borough of *Leeds*. But, although the meetings of the Society are at *Leeds*, and the expulsion took place there, it appears that the Society is not locally confined to the borough: members may reside out of the borough: and the act which led to the expulsion took place out of the borough; and the nature of that act was really the matter in difference. Therefore the question must be answered in the affirmative, the matter in difference not having arisen entirely within the borough of *Leeds*.

And the rule for quashing the order of justices must be discharged.

Rule discharged.

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The case was argued in last *Easter* term (a).

G. Hayes, for the defendant. The plaintiff admits on the record that he has no right of action ; for title is shewn in a third party, who has entered. It is true that the replication shews the defendant to be out of possession ; but that does not make him a wrong-doer as against a mere wrong-doer ; and the plaintiff, if in possession at all, is no more. [*Patteson J.* mentioned *Newlands v. Holmes*(b).] The plea of liberum tenementum is still a good answer to a declaration in trespass quare clausum fregit ; *Harvey v. Bridges*(c). In that case the Court of Exchequer Chamber sustained the judgment of the Court of Exchequer in *Harvey v. Brydges* (d), where *Parke B.* said that the original object of the plea was to drive the plaintiff to prove his title to the disputed close. Here the plaintiff meets the plea, not by title in himself, but by title in a third party. [*Patteson J.* *Fenner v. Fisher* (e), referred to in the Court of Queen's Bench in *Holmes v. Newlands*(g), shews that where the defendant sets up a title the plaintiff may traverse it without shewing title in himself. Now there the title set up by the defendant was freehold in a stranger and demise to himself, and the traverse was of the demise ; so that the title of the stranger was admitted.] That was not a plea of liberum tenementum. [*Patteson J.* I think the principle of that case touches the present question.] If the plaintiff there had wished to derive title to himself from the alleged freehold, he could have done so only by giving express colour to the de-

(a) April 27th, 1849. Before *Patteson, Coleridge* and *Erle Js.*

(b) 3 Q. B. 679., in *Exch. Ch.*, affirming the judgment of Q. B. in *Hobnes v. Newlands*, 11 A. & E. 44.

(c) 1 *Exch.* 261.

(d) 14 M. & W. 437.

(e) *Cro. Eliz.* 288. ; *S. C. Poph.* 1.

(g) 11 A. & E. 44.

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mere wrong-doer; the only title which he alleged in himself was traversed; on this record the defendant has a good title against all but his lessee and those claiming under the lessee. If the plaintiff had claimed title under the lessee, that title would have been traversable, according to the principle of *Chambers v. Donaldson* (a). [Coleridge J. That case is explained in the judgment in *Dobree v. Napier* (b): where a defendant justifies under the command of another having title the command is traversable, because “non constat that the party entitled would have ever insisted on his right, and there can be no reason, if he thinks proper to waive it, why a stranger should justify himself in standing in his place.”] That is the correct principle: and the plaintiff here is putting himself in the lessee’s place without authority: the lessee might never have complained of the defendant’s trespass. The pleading in the case of *liberum tenementum* is anomalous: but to allow a plaintiff to insist on a wrongful possession as against a freeholder would be a fresh anomaly. If a tenant for years be ousted, the reversioner may enter to make claim, though not to take profits; *Co. Lit.* 250. b.; which shews that a freeholder, even where he is not entitled absolutely to the immediate possession, may still exercise a possessory right against a mere wrong-doer. [Erle J. You assume the plaintiff to be a wrong-doer: according to your view a freeholder who had leased might always make the party in possession shew the title from the lessee.] He might; and in that there is no hardship. Possession is not a good title as against the freeholder. [Patteson J. For the plaintiff it will be said that the defendant is

(a) 11 East, 65.

(b) 2 New Ca. 781. 798.

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claiming the freehold for himself. The reversioner, who has leased, has no right to enter, though for the purpose of repairing; *Barker v. Barker* (a). Even if the replication here had contained an averment that the lessee had demised to the plaintiff, that averment would not be traversable, because the defendant would still shew no right of entry. [*Coleridge J.* But you allege that the lessee entered and the term still remained.] That is consistent with a sub-lease to the plaintiff. [*Erle J.* An allegation of such a sub-lease would not have been an inconsistency; and that is an argument against holding the replication, as it now stands, a departure.] It is no departure, as appears from *Wharton v. Naylor* (b). Title is not necessary to the plaintiff in trespass; possession is enough; *Whittington v. Boxall* (c).

G. Hayes, in reply. In *Doe v. Wright* (d) the Court clearly considered that the proper replication to the plea of liberum tenementum was such a replication as set up a right of the plaintiff.

Cur. adv. vult.

PATTESON J., in this vacation (*June 21st*), delivered the judgment of the Court.

The question is, whether a replication of an outstanding term in a stranger, the plaintiff not tracing title through him, is an answer to a plea of soil and freehold in the defendant to a declaration *quare clausum fregit*. And our answer is in the affirmative.

(a) 3 C. & P. 557.

(b) 12 Q. B. 673. 677.

(c) 5 Q. B. 139. See *Jones v. Chapman*, 2 Exch. 803.

(d) 10 A. & E. 781.

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be a wrong-doer, against whom the admitted actual possession of the plaintiff is sufficient for the maintenance of the action. The replication does not in terms allege actual possession in the stranger; but it merely states the grant of a term and the entry of the termor in the usual mode of pleading a subsisting term. Even according to the strict technical rules of pleading, this replication is sufficient. It is clearly laid down in *Holmes v. Newlands* (a), citing various cases, and especially *Fenner v. Fisher* (b), that, where *express* colour is given in a plea, it is sufficient in the replication to deny the title of the defendant without tracing the title of the plaintiff; and there is no sound distinction in this respect between *express* colour and *implied* colour, which is certainly given by the plea of *liberum tenementum*. Further, it may be observed that, if the replication in this case had gone on to aver that, after *Dennis Ryan* became so possessed, and during the continuance of the said term, the plaintiff entered into the said dwelling house in which &c., and became and was possessed thereof, until the defendant afterwards, and during the continuance of the said term, at the several times when &c., of his own wrong broke and entered &c., this would have been good without shewing any derivative title from *Dennis Ryan* to the plaintiff, because it would have asserted again the actual possession of the plaintiff, and the other part of the replication would have shewn that the defendant had not the right of possession, and was therefore a wrong-doer. But it surely cannot be necessary in the replication to reassert such possession in the plaintiff, which had been already

(a) 11 A. & E. 44.

(b) Cro. Eliz. 288.; S. C. Poph. 1.

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the previous pleadings, and be consistent with the literal meaning of the language used in the replication.

For these reasons we are of opinion that judgment must be given for the plaintiff.

Judgment for plaintiff.

The QUEEN *against* MACHEN and BRICKDALE, Esqs.

Under stat. 7 & 8 Vict. c. 101. s. 2., a refusal by justices to make an order for maintenance of a bastard, though on the merits, is no bar to a second application. And, if justices refuse to entertain such second application on the mere ground of the first refusal, the Court will order them by mandamus to hear.

The justices, on a second hearing, may nevertheless take into consideration, with a view to forming their decision, the fact and circumstances of the former hearing.

MONTAGUE SMITH, in last *Easter* term, obtained a rule calling on *Edward Machen* and *John Fortescue Brickdale*, Esquires, justices of the peace for *Gloucestershire*, acting for the petty sessions division of *Coleford* in that county, and on *William White*, to shew cause why a mandamus should not issue, commanding the justices to hear and adjudicate upon the application made to them, at the petty sessions held on 27th *February* last, on behalf of *Hannah Jones*, single woman, for an order upon *White*, the putative father of a bastard child, for maintenance of the said child, and to enter adjournments &c.

From the affidavits in support of the rule it appeared that *Hannah Jones* had been delivered of a bastard on 29th *November* 1848; that she took out a summons against *White*; which was heard, before the two justices named in the rule, on 30th *January* 1849; and they then dismissed the case, considering her evidence not sufficiently corroborated. That she afterwards discovered material evidence in corroboration, and obtained a fresh summons, which was attended by herself and *White's* attorney on 27th *February* 1849, before the

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but it does not appear quite distinctly that this evidence was unknown to the applicant at the time of the first hearing. Nothing in the statute points to a second application: the order, by sect. 4, must be applied for in forty days after the service of the summons. In *Regina v. Robinson* (a) a similar objection was taken at petty sessions, and, afterwards, on appeal to the quarter sessions; the quarter sessions confirmed the order of maintenance made by the petty sessions: and *Erle J.* refused to quash the order on certiorari. That was on the ground that the sessions had jurisdiction to inquire as to the fact of the discharge of the order on the original application, and, if they found in fact no discharge on the merits, might sustain the second application. It sufficiently appears here that the justices had evidence of the fact of the first application: indeed, as the justices were the same, they might act on their own knowledge. Now the learned Judge said, in the case cited, that “a former decision upon the merits in favour of the putative father was an answer to the application, provided it was made out by evidence.” The proceeding is in the nature of a criminal proceeding. [*Coleridge J.* I do not see that that is essential to your argument: in civil proceedings a previous decision on the same fact may be insisted on.] In *Rex v. Tenant* (b) an order of maintenance made by two justices was quashed on appeal; and they afterwards made a second order: and this Court quashed the second order on certiorari. An *Anonymous* (c) case in *Ventris* is to the same effect. By stat. 7 & 8 *Vict.*

(a) 6 *D. & L.* 295.

(b) 2 *Str.* 716.; *S. C.*, 2 *Ld. Raym.* 1423.

(c) 1 *Vent.* 59.

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tice which it is now sought to establish would frequently make it necessary to decide, upon oral evidence, whether the first refusal was upon the merits or not; though, it is true, no difficulty on that point exists in this particular case. [*Erle J.* It will be said, on the other side, that, if the dismissal in any case can be a stop to a future proceeding, the decision of the magistrates here must be taken as shewing that such was the case before them. The rule upon which I act, on hearing a summons at chambers, is that, where a summons is indorsed "no order," the party may come again; but, where the indorsement is "application dismissed," that is a judgment which the applicant must move to rescind.] That shews the necessity of a written decision, to raise the point at all. If the refusal had been considered a judgment, the legislature would have given an appeal. [*Erle J.* By sect. 4, the justices may adjourn, supposing the evidence merely insufficient. This appears to be nugatory, if a party may go on with fresh applications. After that comes the limitation of forty days from the summons.] That is no more than any limitation which the practice of the Courts imposes as to taking steps in a proceeding once commenced, as in ejectment: where, nevertheless, a defeated party may sue again. A question partly involving the present point is now pending before the Court for Crown cases reserved; *Regina v. Brisby* (a). In *Rex v. Tenant* (b) the quashing, which was held conclusive, was by the quarter sessions: this is pointed out by Lord *Hardwicke* in *Rex v. Jenkin* (c), where

(a) Since decided; 1 *Den. C. C.* 416.

(b) 2 *Str.* 716.; *S. C.* 2 *Ld. Raym.* 1423.

(c) *Ca. K. B. temp. Hard.* 301.

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sessions. They also noticed the alleged inconvenience of repeated applications, and said that it was no greater than in other cases, such as applications for orders of settlement, or for suppressing alehouses, and the like, in which there is no doubt that a second application may be made.

The statute 7 & 8 *Vict. c.* 101. gives the mother the remedy, somewhat similar to that which formerly had been given to the parish, and directs the tribunal to which application is to be made. It authorises the justices in petty sessions, upon certain evidence, to adjudge the party summoned to be the putative father, and to order him to pay money, and gives him a right of appeal: but it contains no direction as to what is to be done if the case is not made out to their satisfaction. Neither does the subsequent statute 8 & 9 *Vict. c.* 10.; which latter gives in a schedule the forms which are to be used; but there is no form of adjudication in favour of the party summoned, nor any enactment as to costs to him, or any thing of the kind. We cannot, therefore, see that the legislature intended them to have any power to adjudicate finally against the mother. Their dismissal of the application is rather in the nature of a nonsuit in an action; in which case the plaintiff may come again better prepared.

We are far from saying that the dismissal is to have no weight: but we think that the justices cannot refuse to hear the second application. If it should appear to them that the matter was fully inquired into on the first occasion, they will reasonably view any new evidence with much suspicion, and sift it accordingly: but we do not think that the dismissal can operate as a bar to further inquiry.

Rule absolute.

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Majesty in right of her Duchy and County Palatine of *Lancaster* ; the second in the name of *George Finch*.

The cause was tried at the Spring Assizes for *Cheshire*, 1845, before *Williams J.* ; when a verdict was found for the plaintiff on the second demise, and for the defendants on the first.

At the trial, several points of law were raised by the defendant's counsel, upon which a rule was granted (*a*), in the following *Easter* term, calling upon the lessors of the plaintiff to shew cause why the verdict on the second demise should not be set aside, and a verdict entered for the defendants, or why there should not be a new trial. This rule was in part argued : but it was afterwards agreed that the facts raising the points of law should be stated for the opinion of the Court. The case was stated substantially as follows.

This action was brought to recover possession of a small portion of land in the parish of *Runcorn*, on part whereof certain limekilns have been built, lying between a road (described in the case) and a pool of water there called the *Big Pool*, communicating with the canal called the Duke of *Bridgewater's* canal, and also to recover a portion of land covered with the water of the said Pool, and adjoining to the portion of land first mentioned. (A plan was annexed.) It is to be taken, for the purposes of this case, that both the said portions of land are parcel of the manor of *Halton*, in the parish of *Runcorn*. Her Majesty, in right of her Duchy and County Palatine of *Lancaster*, is lady of the said manor of *Halton*. The defendants are the devisees in trust appointed and acting under the will

(*a*) On the motion of *Jervis* for the defendants.

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and adjacent to the land claimed in this action, was not made or authorized to be made under this last mentioned act.

The case then set out the following clauses of stat. 6 G. 3. c. 96.

By sect. 84, reciting the three earlier acts already mentioned, the Duke of *Bridgewater*, his heirs and assigns, “are authorized, empowered, and required” “from time to time and at all times hereafter, at his and their own proper costs and charges, by the ways and means, and by and under the like provisions, powers, and authorities in all respects, as are authorized, made, or directed in all or any of the said recited acts, to make, extend, complete, and maintain the said navigable cut or canal so begun, and now carrying on by him as aforesaid, passable for boats,” &c., “to that part” &c. (describing the line of the canal), “as fully, completely, and effectually, to all intents and purposes, as if the course of the said navigation had been so described, and the said termination thereof fixed, by” the recited act 2 G. 3. c. 11.

Sect. 85 provides and enacts: “that nothing in this act or in the said recited acts” “contained, shall extend,” “to authorize or empower the said *Francis Duke of Bridgewater*, his heirs or assigns, to make use of, convert, or employ any of the lands or grounds which shall be set out or ascertained for the making of so much of the said cut or canal” “as is herein directed and authorized to be made by the said” Duke, “his heirs and assigns, or for the towing paths, wharfs, quays, trenches, sluices, passages, or other works or conveniences hereby authorized to be made by the said” Duke, “his heirs or assigns, to or for any other use or purpose whatsoever, save only to or for the uses and purposes of the said navigation; anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding” (a).

(a) The 95th section of the same act was also referred to in the argument. It enacts that, if the Duke of *Bridgewater*, his heirs or assigns, “shall respectively be in possession of any lands or grounds by virtue of this act for the space of ten years, without making the said intended navigation through the same respectively, or if the said navigation shall be made and completed, and afterwards discontinued or disused for the space of five years, then and in either of the said cases, from and immediately after the expiration of the said ten years without making, or five years after disusing, the said navigation as aforesaid,” the Duke of *Bridgewater*, his heirs or assigns, “shall respectively convey all their right, property, and interest in or to such lands or grounds respectively

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sary for separating and dividing the towing paths from the adjoining lands ; and also to place and lay any earth, stone, materials, or things necessary to be got or used in or upon account of the several matters and works aforesaid, on the lands or grounds near to the place or places where such works or any of them shall be making, erecting, altering, or repairing ; and to do and perform all such other matters and things necessary or proper for the making, maintaining, and easy and convenient use of such cut or canal, as he the said *Francis Duke of Bridgewater*, his heirs or assigns, shall think fit ; he the said *Francis* &c., “ his heirs and assigns, his or their agents,” &c. “ first making satisfaction in manner herein-after mentioned to the respective owners of and persons interested in such lands or grounds as shall be used, removed, or prejudiced in or by the execution of any of the powers hereby granted.”

Sect. 3 enacts : “ That it shall and may be lawful to and for the agents or servants of the said *Francis* &c., “ from time to time,” &c., “ to enter upon the lands or grounds of the said several persons, bodies politic, corporate, or collegiate, through which the said cut or canal is intended to be made, in order to survey and take a level of the same, and to set out and ascertain such parts thereof as they shall think necessary or proper for the making such navigable cut or canal, and other the matters and conveniences aforesaid, such agents or servants making satisfaction for the damage they shall do thereby to the occupiers of such lands or grounds for the time being, in case the same exceeds the sum of 1s.”

Sect. 4 enacts : “ That after any such parts of the said lands or grounds shall be so set out and ascertained for making the said cut or canal, and other the purposes and conveniences herein-before mentioned, it shall and may be lawful for all bodies politic, corporate, or collegiate, corporations aggregate or sole, husbands, guardians, trustees, and feoffees in trust, committees, executors, administrators, and all other trustees whatsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their heirs and successors, but also for and on behalf of their cestuique trusts, whether infants or issue unborn, lunatics, idiots, femmes covert, or other person or persons, and to and for all femmes covert who are or shall be seised or interested in their own right, and to and for all and every other person and persons whomsoever, who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in any lands or grounds which shall be so set out and ascertained as aforesaid, or any part thereof, to contract for, sell, and convey unto the said *Francis* &c., “ his heirs and assigns, or to such person or persons as he or they shall nominate, all or any part of such lands or grounds which shall from time to time be so set out and ascertained as aforesaid ; and that all such contracts, agreements, sales, conveyances, and assurances shall be valid and effectual in law to all intents and purposes whatsoever, any law,” &c. “ to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding ; and all bodies politic, corporate, or collegiate, and all persons whatsoever, so conveying as aforesaid, are hereby indemnified for what he, she, they, or any

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the recompence to be made for the damages that may or shall be so sustained as aforesaid; and the said commissioners or any seven or more of them shall give judgment for such purchase moneys or recompence so to be assessed by such juries; which said verdict, and the judgment thereupon pronounced by the said commissioners or any seven or more of them, shall be binding and conclusive to all intents and purposes *against the King's Majesty, his heirs and successors, and against all bodies politic, corporate, or collegiate, and all persons whomsoever.*"

Sect. 9 enacts: "That all the determinations of the said commissioners," "which shall be submitted to and acquiesced in by the parties concerned, and also the said verdicts and judgments, being first signed" &c. (direction as to signing by commissioners), "shall be transmitted, at the expense of the said *Francis*" &c., "to the clerk of the peace for the said county of *Lancaster*, and kept amongst the records of the quarter sessions of the peace for the said county," and be deemed records of the said quarter sessions, and the same or true copies thereof be allowed to be good evidence in all Courts, and all persons have liberty to inspect the same, and the enrolments, &c., paying &c.; and to take copies &c.

Sect. 11 enacts: "that upon payment of such sum or sums of money as shall be contracted or agreed for between the parties, or determined and adjusted by the said commissioners," "or assessed by such juries, in manner respectively as aforesaid, for the purchase of any such lands or grounds as aforesaid, *to the proprietors thereof or other persons entitled to receive such money* respectively, or legal tender thereof made to such proprietor or proprietors or other person or persons, or to the principal officer or officers of any such body politic, corporate, or collegiate, or if he, she, or they cannot be found, or shall refuse to accept such money, upon payment thereof to such person or persons as the said commissioners" "shall by writing under their hands appoint, for the use of, and to be paid upon demand, without fee or reward, to such proprietors or persons respectively as aforesaid, then and in such case such lands and grounds respectively, and the fee simple and inheritance thereof, shall from thenceforth be vested in and become then for ever the sole property of the said *Francis*" &c., "his heirs and assigns, and used and enjoyed by him and them as his and their own proper estate and inheritance; and *all bodies politic, corporate, and collegiate, corporations aggregate or sole, husbands, guardians, trustees, feoffees in trust, committees and all other trustees, infants, lunatics, idiots, femmes covert, tenants in tail, and their heirs, successors, executors and administrators, and all others claiming or to claim in possession, reversion, remainder, expectancy, or otherwise, any title to or interest in or upon such lands or grounds, shall be from thenceforth to all intents and purposes whatsoever divested of all right, title, claim, interest, or property of, in, to, or out of the same; and this act shall be sufficient to indemnify as well the said commissioners as the said *Francis*" &c., "his heirs and assigns, his and their agents,*

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The canal was completed upwards of seventy years ago. About the same time the said *Big Pool* was formed by a dam, which constituted part of the works of the canal, and did not stand on any part of the land claimed in this action; which dam penned up the waters of a brook, or mill stream, flowing through a valley in which the same brook is situate, and so formed the Pool. And, since the completion of the canal, the bank of the said canal has held up the water of the said stream, and still continues to maintain the water of the Pool at its present height. This brook ran with its right bank adjoining to *Halton Manor*; and, for the purposes of this case only, the old course of the brook is to be considered as the boundary of the manor; and the portion of land lying on the right bank of the old course and now covered by the water of the *Big Pool* is a portion of the land claimed in the present action. At the first damming up of the brook, and for nearly thirty years after, the *Big Pool* was considerably larger than it now is: and, on the right bank thereof, it covered part of the land claimed in this action, besides the part now covered with water. Forty three years before the trial, an opening was made from the *Big Pool* into the canal, by which the *Big Pool* now communicates, as aforesaid, with the canal; and since then the water of the *Big Pool* has been on a level with that of the canal. A part of the place whereon the said limekilns now stand was,

hereby authorized to be made, erected, and built in and over the said river *Irwell*, at or adjoining to *Barton Bridge* aforesaid, and all the materials thereof, whilst the same shall be making, erecting, and building, and after the same shall be finished and completed, shall be and remain the property of and is and are hereby vested in the said *Francis Duke of Bridgewater*, his heirs and assigns."

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user ; and that the existence of such right negatived an adverse possession. And they insisted that the evidence shewed only an user of part of the land for the purposes of the canal, and not an appropriation of any part.

The defendants offered no evidence.

The counsel for the defendants contended, at the trial :

First, that the land claimed in this action, or at all events the land (part thereof) whereon the said limekilns are built, having been taken and used for the purposes of the said canal, was thereby absolutely vested in the said late *Duke of Bridgewater*, and in the defendants as his devisees, by virtue of the said acts of parliament or some of them.

Secondly, that the lessors of the plaintiff were barred from recovering possession of the said land in this action, by reason of adverse possession thereof had by the said late *Duke of Bridgewater*, and by the defendants since his death, in the whole for a period of more than sixty years.

The counsel for the plaintiff agreed that a part of the land had been used as above for the purposes of the canal : and the learned Judge declined to leave to the jury the question, as to the said land or any part thereof, whether the same was taken for the purposes of the said canal : but he told the jury that the user of the land, as proved, was evidence from which they might, if they thought fit, infer that the Duke and those representing him had taken possession of the land ; and that the plaintiff was not entitled to recover in respect of land which had been so taken possession of. The jury found for the plaintiff on the second demise.

Copies of the acts of parliament accompanied the case, and were to be referred to and taken as part of the case.

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The question for the opinion of the Court was: Whether the lessor of the plaintiff, *George Finch*, was entitled to recover in this action the whole or any part of the said land claimed therein.

If the Court should be of opinion that he was entitled to recover the whole thereof, the verdict found at the trial was to stand. If the Court should be of opinion that he was entitled to recover a part thereof, the verdict was to be entered for the plaintiff as to such part and for the defendants as to the residue. If the Court should be of opinion that he was not entitled to recover any part thereof, a general verdict was to be entered for the defendants.

And it was also agreed that the Court should have power, if they should think fit, to order a new trial; or, if they should think fit, to direct a special verdict with such facts as they should think established by the above statement.

The case was argued in last term (a).

T. F. Ellis (Attorney General for the Duchy of *Lancaster*), for the plaintiff.

First: if the land has not been purchased, the statutes give to the Duke of *Bridgewater* and those representing him no property in the soil, but only a privilege to perform certain acts on the soil. Not only is no more given by stat. 32 G. 2. c. 2., but that which is given is given in words excluding the supposition of

(a) *June 1st, 1849.* Before Lord *Denman* C. J., *Patteson*, *Coleridge* and *Erle* Js.

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a property in the soil passing. The powers are those ordinarily given, where canals are made under acts of parliament, over the land adjacent to the canal. So, in cases of railroads, rights of way and other privileges of user are given on adjacent lands without the soil passing. So far as the benefit to the canal is concerned, no purpose could be gained by granting the soil itself (which would also have the effect of granting all minerals), that would not be as effectually gained by a grant of the user. It would, on the other hand, be very inconvenient if the land in the neighbourhood, to the distance of 500 yards from the canal, were to be intersected with lines of property belonging to the canal proprietor, wherever a brook runs. Further, if it was meant to pass the soil, all the provisions enabling the canal proprietor to cut trenches, set up posts and rails, and the like, would have been absurd; the mere grant of the soil, which a few words would have effected directly, would have carried with it all such powers. The same inference arises from the additional powers conferred by stat. 33 G. 2. c. 2. s. 1. If a deed were made between the owner of land and another individual containing grants in these words, and the grantee, having used the powers, were sued in trespass by the grantor, it is obvious that the defence under the deed would be set up, not by a traverse of the plaintiff's possession or a plea of soil and freehold, but by a special plea justifying in the words of the deed. So it would be also in the case of a prescription. A fortiori, nothing beyond the words used will be implied in construing an act of parliament; that principle was acted upon in *The Clarence Railway Company v. The Great*

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any other use is expressly forbidden. When this case was first before the Court, *Patteson* J. inquired how, on the construction which the plaintiff contends for, the soil of the canal itself (which is not included in this action) could pass. But, if there be no ground for distinguishing the canal from the other land, there is no absurdity in supposing the canal owner to have merely an user for the bed of the canal. There can be no reason for passing the minerals to him. Many instances of grants of user to owners of navigation without the soil have come before the Courts (*a*). In *Buckeridge* v. *Ingram* (*b*) an act of parliament conferred powers almost identical with those now in question on the corporation of the city of *Bath*, for the purpose of improving the navigation of the *Avon*: and Sir *R. P. Arden*, Master of the Rolls, though he held that dower was assignable out of the tolls, said: "this act cannot be construed to have taken out of the proprietors and given to this corporation the soil: but it has given them a right in and over the soil and certain real rights arising in and out of the soil." *Doe* dem. *Hanley* v. *Wood* (*c*) also shews how complete an user of land may be given without property in the soil.

Secondly: no purchase of the soil by the canal proprietors can be inferred. Supposing the argument on the first point correct, nothing has taken place beyond an user for which the statutory provisions account without the hypothesis of a purchase; and, moreover, by sect. 4 of stat. 32 *G. 2. c. 2.*, all sales are to be enrolled with the clerk of the peace; and no such enrolment was shewn. The inference of fact is therefore negatived. But, farther, the Crown had no power

(*a*) See the cases collected in *Bruce* v. *Willis*, 11 *A. & E.* 463.

(*b*) 2 *Ves. jun.* 652. 663.

(*c*) 2 *B. & Ald.* 724.

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nary usage, nor by any reference here (as in sects. 1, 3), includes the Crown: and the same is to be said of the same catalogue occurring lower down in sect. 4. Sect. 6 appoints commissioners to settle differences arising between the Duke “and the several proprietors of and persons interested in any lands or grounds that shall or may be affected or prejudiced by the execution of any of the powers hereby granted.” The word “proprietors” would there include the King. But the language changes, and resorts to the restricted catalogue, when it is provided that the commissioners are to adjust the price to be paid for purchase “to such bodies politic, corporate, or collegiate, person or persons respectively” “entitled or interested as aforesaid.” Again, in the same section, where damage is spoken of, the word “proprietors” is introduced; and the appeal to the jury is given in the case both of damage and purchase money; and, accordingly, the verdict of the jury is declared binding “against the King’s Majesty, his heirs and successors, and against all bodies politic, corporate, or collegiate, and all persons whomsoever.” So, in sect. 11, which relates to purchase, the persons declared to be divested of right are “all bodies politic,” &c., omitting the Crown. This variety of phrase is not accidental, but intentional. Whenever power is given to the Crown by statute to part with land, the Crown is expressly named; and ordinarily special arrangements are made as to settling the price, the Crown not being subjected to compulsory sale (*a*).

(*a*) *Ellis* here referred to the following statutes: *Regent’s Canal Act*, 52 G. 3. c. cxcv. (local and personal, public) ss. 1, 13, 20, 23, 110.; *Manchester, Bolton and Bury Canal Navigation Act*, 2 & 3 W. 4. c. lxix. (local and personal, public) s. 25.; *Kendal Canal Act*, 36 G. 3. c. 97.; *Aire and Calder Navigation Act*, 1 G. 4. c. xxxix. (local and personal, public) s. 50.

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Judge went farther in favour of the defendants than he ought to have gone; for, upon that view, there was no evidence of taking the land. But he did leave the question to them. The defendants must contend that he ought to have told them that the user was conclusively an act of taking the land.

Sir *John Jervis*, Attorney General (*a*), *contra*. The defendants will not ask for a new trial on the ground of misdirection: if the Court sees now that the jury ought to have been told that all or any part of the land passed to the canal owner, the verdict can be altered accordingly. [This was assented to on the other side.]

The question of adverse possession becomes unimportant, for the reason already given. But the argument for the plaintiff is inadmissible: what has been done, if not authorized by the act, is not only evidence, but almost irresistible evidence, of an assumption of possession.

As to the first point. It is true that in the first part of stat. 32 *G. 2. c. 2. s. 1.* an easement only is given, as to the water from the brooks. But the power of entering, digging, making towing paths, and appropriating for wharfs and quays, cannot be a mere easement: it must carry with it the right to the soil. “Appropriate” is almost as strong a term as could be used. And it is not denied that these clauses affect the Crown land as well as the land of private persons. The argument put from the Bench, on the effect of sects. 85 and 95 of stat. 6 *G. 3. c. 96.*, has not been answered. What can be the meaning of a clause directing a party to

(*a*) Sir *John Jervis* had been engaged in the cause before he came into office; he now argued against the Crown by virtue of a special licence.

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by insisting on particular variations of phrase. This argument, however, leads to several inconsistencies. It is admitted that the Crown is included in the words "respective owners of and persons interested in such land," at the end of sect. 1, and in the words "the said several persons" in sect. 3. How then can the words in the purchase clause, sect. 4, "every other person and persons whomsoever, who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in any lands or grounds which shall be so set out and ascertained as aforesaid," be so construed as to exclude the Crown, the setting out referred to being that authorized by sect. 3, which is admitted to include the lands of the Crown? Then it is argued that, in the 6th section, the language includes the Crown where damage is the subject of enactment, but not where purchase is provided for: and it is said that the word "proprietor" includes the Crown. But, at the end of sect. 6, the verdict for purchase money is made binding on the Crown as well as on others. And in sect. 23, where damage only is the subject matter, the parties authorized to apply for compensation are described in the very words which, according to the argument on the other side, exclude the Crown. Further, in sect. 11, the money for purchase is to be paid to the "proprietors" of the lands purchased, which term is admitted to include the Crown.

T. F. Ellis, in reply. As to the first point. The power to appropriate land to wharfs and quays does not carry with it a property in the land after the quay or wharf is erected. In the old turnpike road acts power is given to erect toll houses, without any transfer of the soil. The acts leave that in the former owners; per

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clauses in acts of parliament under which the Duke of *Bridgewater's* canals have been extended into the manor of *Halton*, of which Her Majesty is the lady. In that right she claims the land in question, through *Finch* her tenant. On the other hand, the defendants, in whom, as devisees in trust, all estate, right and title which the statutes in question conferred on the Duke are admitted to be now vested, contend that under them the property in the soil passed.

As against *Finch*, a point was raised, that he at least was barred by adverse possession. But, at the same time, the Attorney General, who appeared for the defendants, admitted this was but a by point: and we understand it to be the wish of both parties that our judgment should proceed on the point mainly discussed, a decision upon which will settle the matter in dispute, and not merely dispose of the present action.

It appears that the land sought to be recovered adjoins a pool called the *Big Pool*: and this pool is created by damming up the water of a stream for the purpose of supplying a canal made under the powers given by stat. 6 G. 3. c. 96. At first it was larger than it now is, and covered a portion of the land in question. Later arrangements have enabled the defendants to reduce its size, and also to carry off surplus water in times of flood, without interfering with the use of the surface as before: and they have erected limekilns in part on the space so gained. If, therefore, the statute gave them no more than such use of the soil as was necessary for the purposes of the canal, and they have not acquired the freehold in any other way, the right will now be in Her Majesty, and the verdict for her tenant is right. And we are of this opinion.

Stat. 6 G. 3. c. 96. commences with three sections, giving the necessary powers for making the canal (*a*); and, among these, the largest rights upon the lands through which it is to pass or which may be in any way necessary to it; and, among the owners whose lands are by the 1st section made subject to these rights, the "King's Majesty, his heirs or successors," are specifically mentioned, followed by the words "any other person or persons, bodies politic, corporate, or collegiate." The 2d section, which is confined to the lands *through* which the canal and other works are intended to be made, and authorizes an entry for the purpose of surveying and levelling, and *setting out such parts as may be necessary for the making of the canal and works*, drops all mention of His Majesty, and commences with the words "said several persons, bodies politic," &c.: and the 4th section, which refers expressly to the 2nd and empowers sale by persons or bodies under incapacity to convey, has the same omission, beginning with "all bodies politic, corporate, or collegiate, corporations," "husbands, guardians," &c.

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It appears, upon reference to the preceding acts of the series which are applicable to the Duke of *Bridge-water's* canals, 32 G. 2. c. 2., 33 G. 2. c. 2., 2 G. 3. c. 11., that the same insertions will be found in the 1st sections respectively, and the same omissions in the following sections. Probably the two later and stat. 6 G. 3.

(*a*) The early sections of stat. 6 G. 3. c. 96. relate to another undertaking, that of *The Company of Proprietors of the Navigation from the Trent to the Mersey*. Sect. 84 and the following sections relate to the canal in question here. But, as this section gives the powers conferred by the earlier acts, and as those powers are substantially the same which are given in the early sections of stat. 6 G. 3. c. 96., the reasoning in the judgment is not affected.

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c. 96. were framed, *mutatis mutandis*, upon the model of the earliest act. Still the circumstance warrants the remark that the subject has been four times at least under the consideration of the legislature, and more particularly perhaps under that of the agents of the undertakers, and the same distinction between the wording of the different clauses always preserved. We do not, however, consider the omission of Her Majesty by name to be at all conclusive, especially as the Crown is clearly within the 6th section: for it is there said in terms that the decision of the jury there authorised to try certain issues shall be binding on “the King’s Majesty,” &c.: and yet the preamble of that section only speaks of differences between “the Company of Proprietors,” “and the *several proprietors* of and persons interested in any lands, &c.”: under which general words therefore His Majesty must be included. But this section again is not conclusive that the Crown was included in the section empowering to convey, because it extends, not merely to differences about purchase money, but to recompense to be made for prejudice done to lands by the execution of any of the powers given by the 1st section.

But we have examined with attention the provisions of the 4th section as to conveyances by the incapable parties included therein, and their enrolment by the clerk of the peace, those of the 13th (*a*), with regard to the effect of verdicts determining the amount of purchase money where that has been disputed before juries; and those of the 14th with regard to the application of purchase money when paid: and the result in our minds

(*a*) The 13th and 14th sections of stat. 6 G. 3. c. 96. relate to the *Trent and Mersey* navigation. See note, p. 105.

is a clear conviction that the notion of a sale by the Crown was never present to the minds of the framers; that the provisions are not applicable to such a case; and that, if a sale by the Crown had been contemplated, a different and distinct provision would necessarily have found its way into the act.

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But, farther than this, if we assume that, under the act, the Crown could sell, and that the undertakers did in fact take possession of the land in question for the purpose of the canal, and contracted for the purchase, we cannot understand why no evidence of such purchase was forthcoming at the trial. Not to mention that in all transactions with the Crown the evidence may be expected to be preserved with more than ordinary care, and be more than ordinarily available, it is to be remembered that, whether the price had been settled by agreement or verdict, there would have been the enrolment with the clerk of the peace, and a copy might have been produced in evidence. We feel satisfied therefore, in fact, that the Crown has not by any specific transaction conveyed the land to the canal proprietors.

But the defendants stand upon the presumption to be drawn from their long possession. We think, however, that the circumstances entirely destroy the groundwork of any presumption by which the Crown could be barred. So long as the ground was covered with water ponded back for the purposes of the canal, or was used as a passage for waste water on the surface when necessary, it was difficult to say that the canal proprietors were doing any thing but what their act justified them in doing. So long, they exercised powers and used the land in a way which the Crown could not interfere with, and which was consistent with the Crown's

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retaining the freehold in the soil. And this state of things we collect to have continued, in part or in the whole, down to within twenty years. The case finds that the limekilns were built only ten years before the trial: and this seems to be the first decisive act by which the canal proprietors gave up the use of the land for the purposes of the canal, and treated it as if they were the general proprietors. Until that was done, we do not see how the Crown was called on, or could properly have asserted a right to the exclusive possession, or treated the canal proprietors as trespassers.

Upon all grounds, therefore, we think the claim of the defendants fails, and that the verdict ought not to be disturbed.

Judgment for plaintiff.

Afterwards, in the *Michaelmas* term following (a), Sir *F. Thesiger*, *T. F. Ellis* and *Townsend* appeared to shew cause against the rule on the points not involving the above questions of law: and Sir *J. Jervis*, Attorney General, *Welsby* and *Egerton* appeared in support of the rule. The points were confined to questions as to the weight of evidence, and to an alleged surprise and discovery of fresh evidence: but these were now abandoned by the counsel supporting the rule, who, however, insisted that the effect of the above judgment was confined to a portion of the land in dispute, and that the verdict ought to be entered up distributively. It was agreed that the Court, without hearing argument, should pronounce judgment explaining the effect of the former judgment.

Cur. adv. vult.

(a) November 22d, 1849. Before *Patteson*, *Coleridge* and *Wightman* Js.

COLERIDGE J., in the following vacation (*December* 18th, 1849), delivered the judgment of the Court.

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In this case the Attorney General applied to have the verdict restricted to a certain part of the premises sought to be recovered. But we see no reason for any special interference. In the judgment which we pronounced in *July* last, we proceeded on the ground that the acts of parliament under which the defendants claim do not pass to them the property in the soil of which the ownership is in Her Majesty. But we said nothing in prejudice of their easement: and that easement we consider so extensive in its nature that the enjoyment of it may require the entire and exclusive possession. We thought that, for certain parts of the land, the defendants had abandoned the user for the purposes for which the easement was granted to them, and for which alone they had any right to occupy; and that the lessor of the plaintiff was therefore entitled to enter and resume possession of such parts. The sheriff ought only to deliver possession of such parts: and we must presume that the lessor of the plaintiff will instruct him accordingly. If there should be any attempt to execute the writ in such a way as to interfere with that possession which is essential to the full enjoyment of their easement, the defendants will apply to the Court, or to a Judge at chambers.

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Rule discharged.

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A building club was formed by subscribers to an indenture, which recited the purpose to be raising a capital stock for erecting dwelling houses; and they agreed to articles, which provided: That every subscriber should pay 6s. 8d.

ON appeal against an order of justices, removing *Jane Ellison* and her two bastard children from the parish of *Carlton*, in the West Riding of *Yorkshire*, to the township of *Marsden*, in the county of *Lancaster*, the sessions quashed the order, subject to the opinion of this Court on a case.

The case set out the order and examinations, which shewed a settlement in *Marsden*. The question which alone was ultimately argued in this Court was, whether

monthly: freehold land was to be purchased by the club for erecting houses: each member to take as many houses as he should have shares: the houses to be built according to a plan annexed, and under the inspection of the agents of the Society: the order in which the members should take the houses to be determined by lot, till all the shares should be drawn: no member to mortgage his house till the conclusion of the Society, but each to pay rent to the officers, which was to be deemed a vesting of property in them: no subscriber to have power to let or sell his house till security should be given to the satisfaction of the president: the monthly payments and rents to be placed to the funds of the Society till the whole subscriptions should be completed and all the dwelling houses be allotted, and possession of them given to the respective subscribers; the president meanwhile to have the power of distraining for the rent: if a member, after being put in possession of a house, should lock his door, quit the neighbourhood for six months, and neglect to pay his monthly payments and rents, the president and steward might take possession of the house and let or sell it: at the determination of the Society, each member was to be fully entitled to his share, and a conveyance thereof at his own expense; the surplus stock to be divided; and meanwhile each member to pay 1*l.* yearly, and to forfeit his share upon making default of any of the payments provided for: the Society not to be broken up while six members existed, or before all the buildings should be completed.

The club contracted for the purchase of land, and commenced building without any conveyance being made to them. The land was afterwards, by deed to which the club was party, mortgaged to *A.* for money advanced to the club. The whole purchase money paid by the club amounted to more than 30*l.*, but not to so much as 30*l.* for each subscriber. In 1824 and 1825, *E.*, a member of the club, drew his share, had a house built for him, and entered into possession; and he paid rent till the mortgage was paid off, when the mortgagee conveyed the house to *E.* and the other members severally. The club had shortly before ended, the shares having been paid up and the houses built. At the time when the club ended, *E.*'s monthly and annual payments, exclusive of rent, exceeded 30*l.*: but such payments made before he came into possession did not amount to 30*l.* The house was not of the annual value of 10*l.*

Held that *E.* acquired a settlement by residence in the house after the conveyance to him, not having had any legal or equitable estate until the time of such conveyance, and having before that time paid more than 30*l.*, so as to satisfy stat. 9 G. 1. c. 7. s. 5.

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the whole 500*l.* The purchase money for the land did not amount to the sum of 30*l.* for each member of the club. By a deed, dated 16th *December* 1825, the property was charged with a further sum of money. The order in which members were entitled to have houses built for them was determined by lot. In *March* 1824, *Hugh Ellison* drew his share: and, between that time and *August* 1825, had a house built for him by the club on the purchased land, according to the articles of agreement. And, during the last mentioned month, he entered into possession thereof, and continued to live therein with his family till 1842, when he died. He paid rent for the house to the club from 1832 to *July* 1838. He was assessed and paid rates for the relief of the poor of the parish of *Carlton* from *July* 1833, though, previous to that time, the club had paid them for that house. The annual value and rent of the house was under 10*l.* On 1st *April* 1829, *Hugh Ellison* had paid upwards of 30*l.* by his monthly and annual payments in respect of his share in the building club. The club ended in *July* 1838; when all the shares were paid up, and the houses built, and *Hugh Ellison* had paid, in monthly payments of 6*s.* 8*d.* each, the sum of 65*l.*, and, in annual payments of 1*l.* each, the sum of 16*l.*, making together the sum of 81*l.*

On 23d *November* 1839, the moneys and interest then due to him from the club having been paid off by them, the mortgagee conveyed the land with the houses so built on it to the several members of the club. And the house so occupied by *Hugh Ellison* was by the said deed conveyed to him in fee. The pauper *Jane Ellison* lived unemancipated with her father in *Carlton* till his

death in 1842; and her eldest bastard child was born there. Queen's Bench.
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Upon these facts, the respondents contended that *Hugh Ellison*, and consequently the pauper, did not acquire a settlement in their parish. The sessions held, subject to the opinion of this Court, that *Hugh Ellison* did acquire a settlement in the parish of *Carlton*, which the pauper derived from him.

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The question for the Court was, whether *Hugh Ellison* acquired a settlement in the parish of *Carlton*, which the pauper *Jane Ellison* derived from him. If this Court should be of that opinion the order of sessions was to be confirmed: otherwise the order of sessions to be quashed, and the order of justices to be confirmed (*a*).

The indenture containing the articles, annexed to the case, witnessed that the subscribers thereto, “for the better improving our respective estates by uniting, aiding and assisting one another, and for divers other causes and considerations, have mutually concluded and agreed to associate in a joint concern for the purpose of raising a capital stock or fund, by way of subscription, for the purpose of erecting cottages or dwelling houses,” and did agree to abide by articles set forth, from which the following are extracts.

“1. Every person wishing to become a member of this Society shall, for every single share, pay or cause to be paid the sum of 6s. 8d. of lawful money of *Great Britain* on the first *Monday* of every calendar month, from the 1st day of *April* 1822 until all the shares subscribed for shall be paid.—2. The affairs of this society shall be managed and conducted by a president, a steward, and a committee of nine members.” “That an annual meeting of the Society shall be held on the first *Monday* in *April* in each

(*a*) Some other points were reserved, which were not pressed in argument.

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year, at the house" &c. — "3. At the first annual meeting a committee consisting of nine members shall be ballotted for out of the whole society, in the manner that shares are drawn, as in article fifth, any five of whom" &c. (quorum for deciding in matters of arrangement or dispute not provided for in the articles, subject to the approval or alteration of a general meeting). — "5. A plot of freehold land will be purchased by the Society for the erecting of houses; which ground, when purchased, shall be built upon by the Society, according to the plan and specification hereunto annexed: and that any member having more than one share in the Society shall take so many houses in numerical order, according as the same are numbered upon the said plan, as he, she or they may have shares in the Society next adjoining the number previously drawn; and that any member being desirous of making any internal alterations different from the plan or specification shall pay such extra expence to the contractor or contractors of the building: and that no member be allowed to make any external alteration whatever, so long as this Society shall exist. The officers shall proceed to the drawing of the shares by causing to be deposited each member's name in a bag, and drawing thereout by some indifferent person the names of the whole members. And it is hereby agreed and understood that the person whose name shall be first drawn shall be entitled to the lot No. 1, upon the said plan, and so, in regular succession, until the whole of his, her or their shares, viz. till the shares of the whole members, be drawn." — 7. Provisions for forfeiting the shares of members not making up the monthly payments. — "8. It shall not be in the power of any subscriber to mortgage his, her or their respective lot or lots, or dwelling house or dwelling houses, or be esteemed to have power so to do, until the final conclusion of this Society; but that the payment of rent, from time to time, to the officers for the time being shall be deemed such a vesting of property in them, so as to prevent any security given being valid: nor shall such subscriber or subscribers have power to let or sell such lot or lots or dwelling house or dwelling houses until security shall have been given to the satisfaction of the president for the time being for the whole money advanced. And the monthly payments, rents and fines shall be received by the president and stewards, and placed to the funds of the said Society, until the whole subscriptions be completed, and the whole of the dwelling houses allotted and given proper possession of to each and every subscriber respectively. And, if any subscriber shall occupy the house that is allotted for him, her or them, he, she or they must pay the rent monthly to the president and steward, at each monthly meeting. Any subscriber neglecting to pay his, her or their monthly rent or rents, as above mentioned, shall be subject to the same rules and regulations as are hereinbefore mentioned and declared, viz. shall pay the like forfeits" as in case of non-payment of monthly subscriptions; and the president may also enter and distrain. — "9. The erection or erections upon the lot or lots of each subscriber shall, during the continuance of

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The case was argued in *Easter* term, 1848 (a).

Pashley and *Frederick Thompson*, in support of the order of sessions. *Hugh Ellison* had a settlement in *Marsden* by estate. On the 23d *November* 1839, when the land was conveyed to him, he had paid for it, by instalments of different kinds, more than 30*l.*; and the settlement of *Jane Ellison*, by residence with him, unemancipated, after that date, is therefore established. The rules describe only a state of things in which the right of the subscriber to the land was incomplete until the arrival of the time contemplated in articles 16 and 22. It is not material whether a settlement was complete before the conveyance. Under stat. 13 & 14 C. 2. c. 12. s. 1. *H. Ellison* would have been irremovable as soon as he had a right to the land; and then forty days' residence would have given a settlement; *Rex v. Staple-grove* (b); in which case the only interest which the pauper had was a reversion on a term for 1000 years. Then stat. 9 G. 1. c. 7. s. 5. makes it necessary to the settlement, where the estate has been acquired by purchase, that the consideration should have amounted to 30*l.* Here, at the time of the conveyance, more than that sum had been paid. The attempt on the other side will probably be to shew that the land passed originally, before the conveyance, for a consideration less than 30*l.*, and that the money since paid is like money laid out in improving property; in which case, undoubtedly, no settlement would be created; *Rex*

(a) *May* 3d. Before Lord *Denman* C. J., *Patteson*, *Wightman* and *Erle* Js.

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R. Hall and *Pickering*, contra. At some time or other there was a purchase: if the father has purchased for less than 30*l.*, the daughter has no settlement; *Rex v. Salford* (a). *Rex v. Staplegrove* (b) was a case, not of purchase, but of occupation under a supposed devolution by operation of law. In *Paul's Walden v. Kempton* (c) 30*l.* was actually paid to the vendor, the lord and the steward; and so each sum made part of the consideration; and this is the explanation given of the case by *Bayley J.* in *Rex v. Cottingham* (d), where it was held that money paid by a purchaser to his own attorney for the surrender formed no part of the consideration. It is argued that, as the whole land cost more than 30*l.*, every subscriber, however small his interest, gained a settlement: but such a construction of the statute would be "repugnant to the plain intention of the legislature," which manifestly intended to prevent the acquisition of settlements by persons purchasing for trifling sums. It is true that *Hugh Ellison* did not acquire the legal estate till after he had paid more than 30*l.* But the question is, whether he had not, before that, acquired an interest: if he had, he purchased at the time of such acquisition; and then, according to *Rex v. Dunchurch* (e), the subsequent payments are unimportant to the settlement. [*Erle J.* Could he, at the time of the original purchase, have filed a bill to compel conveyance?] The club might have done so on paying

(a) *Burr. S. C.* 516. ; *S. C.* as *Over-Norton v. Salford*, 1 *W. Bl.* 433. 455.

(b) 2 *B. & Ald.* 527.

(c) *Foley's Laws relating to the Poor*, 338. (4th ed.).

(d) 7 *B. & C.* 603.

(e) *Burr. S. C.* 553. ; *S. C.* 1 *W. Bl.* 596.

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been treated as a transaction between vendor and vendee?] None such has been found.

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Lord DENMAN C. J., in this vacation (*July 11th*), delivered the judgment of the Court.

In this case the question was, whether *Hugh Ellison* gained a settlement by purchase of an estate or interest in land of which the purchase money *bonâ fide* paid was 30*l.*

The fee simple was conveyed to him in 1839, at which time he had paid 81*l.*; and the conveyance was made to him in consideration of that money. But it was contended that he had in 1822 acquired an equitable estate in the land on which the house was afterwards built; that such estate was acquired for less than 30*l.*; and that, if the value was raised to the requisite amount only by improvements subsequent to the purchase of the interest, no settlement was gained. The law is clearly so; *Rex v. Dunchurch* (*a*). But we do not find the facts to bring the present case within that law.

The agreement for the purchase was by the building club for the purposes thereof; and the mortgage was by the same club: and, although the members of the club had an interest in the land while the buildings were going on, yet no individual member had a clear equitable estate in any particular portion or house until it was actually conveyed. In *Rex v. Woolpit* (*b*) *Bayley J.*, citing *Rex v. Geddington* (*c*) and *Rex v. Long Bennington* (*d*), states that an equitable right is

(*a*) *Burr. S. C.* 551. *S. C. 1 W. Bl.* 596.

(*c*) 2 *B. & C.* 129.

(*b*) 4 *Dowl. & R.* 456.

(*d*) 6 *M. & S.* 403.

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Stat. 34 G. 3.
c. 78. em-
powered a com-
pany to pur-
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CASE. The declaration stated that, after the passing of stat. 34 G. 3. c. 78. (a), a certain canal was made by the said Company in pursuance of and accord-
navigable canal, and contained provisions with respect to the conveyance of land, and its vesting in the company on payment of the price assessed by compensation juries. It was also provided by the same act (explained by stat. 46 G. 3. c. xx. s. 23.) that manufacturers within a certain distance of the canal might, after notice to the proprietors of the canal, lay down pipes to supply their steam engines with water for the sole purpose of condensing the steam used for working such engines; and that, if any dispute should arise with any person desirous of taking water for the above purpose, or who should be in the use of taking the same, such dispute should be finally determined by certain commissioners.

A declaration in case by the Company stated that the canal had been made and maintained by them in pursuance of the act; that defendants, having steam engines within the prescribed distance of the canal, had, after notice to the Company, laid down pipes communicating with the canal, and that defendants had used the water drawn off by such pipes for other purposes than condensing the steam of their engines.

It was objected in arrest of judgment, and afterwards on writ of error, that the declaration did not shew any conveyance or ownership of the canal or water; nor did it shew any invasion of a private right, or damage to such a right, inasmuch as the act complained of, if wrongful, was clearly prohibited by statute, so that a repetition of the act could never be used as evidence that it was rightful; also that the remedy was by indictment as for the violation of a statutory provision; and, further, that the complaint was a dispute over which the commissioners under the act had exclusive jurisdiction: Held by Exch. Ch., affirming the judgment of Q. B. :

That the declaration was good; that it must be taken that the Company was in possession of the canal; and that, without averment of special damage, the wrongful act appeared to be a damage to the Company's right; that the disputes over which the commissioners had jurisdiction were disputes with persons, either about to use or in the actual use of the canal water for a rightful purpose, as to the mode of taking such water, and that the provision for reference to the Commissioners did not apply to a mere wrongful act.

Held also, per *Erle J.*, that, even if such an act were within that provision, the superior courts had concurrent jurisdiction.

(a) "For making and maintaining a navigable canal from the *Calder* navigation, at or near *Sowerby Bridge Wharf*, in the parish of *Halifax*," &c.; "to join the canal of his Grace the Duke of *Bridgewater*, in the parish of *Manchester*," &c. "and also certain cuts from the said intended canal."

The declaration was founded on the 113th section, which is as follows:

"And whereas steam engines are become of great use in various manufactures carried on within the said counties, and as such engines consume

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the said Company for the purposes in the said act specified. That defendants were, and still are, the owners, and possessed, of certain lands within the distance of

for the purposes of any such engine, or who shall be in the use of taking the same therefrom, such dispute shall be finally settled and determined by the said commissioners."

Section 1 incorporated the proprietors for the purposes of the act by the name of "The Company of Proprietors of the *Rochdale Canal*," with power to purchase lands &c. for making the said canal &c. By section 8 Select Commissioners were appointed to determine at what places and in what manner gauges should be constructed for the purpose of regulating the taking of surplus water from certain brooks; and by section 24 commissioners were appointed "for settling, determining, and adjusting, all questions, matters, and differences, which shall or may arise between the said company of proprietors and the several proprietors of, and persons interested in, any lands or other hereditaments, that shall or may be taken, used, affected, or prejudiced, by the execution of any of the powers hereby granted, and for other the purposes in this act mentioned, except such as are hereby directed to be done by the said select commissioners aforesaid."

By section 22, bodies politic &c., trustees &c., and persons under disability, were empowered to convey land to the company.

By section 29, the commissioners mentioned in the 24th section were authorised to determine the sums to be paid by the company for the purchase of land for the canal &c., and as a recompense for damages sustained by the supplying the canal with water; and, in case of dissatisfaction with their determination, juries were to be summoned to assess such sums; and by section 35 the determination of the commissioners, if acquiesced in, and the verdicts of juries, were to be kept as records; and, on payment or tender of the purchase money for lands, such lands were to vest in the company in fee simple. Section 95 empowered the company to take tolls on goods conveyed along the canal.

By sect. 23 of stat. 46 G. 3. c. xx. (local and personal, public), "for enabling the Company of Proprietors of the *Rochdale Canal* more effectually to provide for the discharge of their debts; and to amend the several acts passed for making " &c. "the said canal," it was enacted as follows:

"And whereas the power of taking water for the condensing of steam in the engines, near to the said canal and cuts, granted by the said recited act made in the thirty fourth year of the reign of His present Majesty, may be abused, and it is expedient that the provision relating thereto should be explained and amended; be it therefore further enacted that,

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and the said steam engines, for the purpose of making, and so as to make, the said communication according to the provisions of the said act. That, although afterwards, to wit on &c., divers large quantities of water were drawn off from the canal, through and by means of the said pipes, which water defendants ought to have used for the sole purpose of condensing the steam used for the working the said engines, nevertheless defendants wrongfully and injuriously deceived and defrauded the plaintiffs in this, to wit, that defendants, after the said quantities of water had been so drawn off from the canal, wrongfully and injuriously used and applied the same for other and different purposes and uses than the condensing the steam used for working the said engines, to wit for the purposes and uses of supplying the boilers of the said engines with water, and of generating steam for working the said engines, and for heating the said mill, and for the purpose of cleansing the said boilers, and divers other purposes, contrary to the provisions of the said act. Second breach: that defendants further wrongfully and injuriously deceived and defrauded plaintiffs in this, to wit that defendants, on &c., wrongfully and injuriously, by means of the said pipes, drew from the canal more quantities of water than sufficient to supply the said engines with cold water for the sole purpose of condensing the steam used for working such engines, contrary to the provisions of the same statutes. Third breach: that, although defendants did, on each of the days and times aforesaid, draw from the canal, through and by means of the said pipes, divers other large quantities of water, to wit &c., on each of the said days, for the purpose of working the said engines, and then applied the same to the said

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accordingly, citing *Williams v. Morland* (a). He also obtained a rule nisi to arrest the judgment, because the declaration did not shew that the Company had any property in, or possession of, the canal, and that the defendants had infringed any private right; or that any private damage had been sustained; or that the acts complained of were wrongful; and also on the ground that the Commissioners named in stat. 34 G. 3. c. 78, sect. 24 (b) had exclusive jurisdiction over the matter in dispute under sect. 113. In this vacation (*June 20th and 23d*),

Knowles, Tomlinson and Cowling shewed cause. The 113th section does not oust the jurisdiction of this Court; there are no express or negative words on the subject; the Court, therefore, has concurrent jurisdiction. The decisions in *Crisp v. Bunbury* (c) and *Rex v. Mildenhall Savings Bank* (d), which may be cited, proceeded on the special principle that it was of great importance to protect the depositors in Savings Banks against the delay and costliness of litigation in the superior courts. Even if it be conceded that sect. 113 does give the Commissioners exclusive jurisdiction over the disputes therein mentioned, the present is not such a dispute; for the company complain of acts merely wrongful; and the section relates to disputes respecting the mode of communicating with the

(a) 2 B. & C. 910.

(b) He also obtained a rule nisi for a venire de novo, on the ground that the third breach was bad, as it negated the proper return of water to the "canal" only, whereas the 113th section used the words "canal and cuts," and that the general verdict, therefore, on all the breaches, could not stand. It was subsequently arranged that the verdict as to this breach should be entered for the defendants.

(c) 8 Bing. 394.

(d) 6 A. & E. 952.

canal for the purpose of using the water rightfully. Besides, the objection is not open; for the defendants have not pleaded specially that a dispute has arisen under the act. Secondly, the wrongful act necessarily implies damage; for it is a damage to the right; and, according to stat. 46 G. 3. c. xx. s. 23., the use of the canal water for any other purpose than that of condensing the steam of steam engines is clearly wrongful.

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Atherton and Spinks, contra. A special plea was unnecessary to inform the Court of a public statute by which its jurisdiction is excluded. The dispute which is the subject of this declaration is one of those mentioned in sect. 113, which are not only disputes with persons desirous of taking water, but also with persons "in the use of taking the same." The argument from convenience is as strong in the present case as in the *Savings Bank* cases; for actions must be brought as often as the statute is infringed by the mill owner, and will produce no permanent result; whereas the Commissioners may prescribe the means of preventing abuses altogether. Generally an action will not lie where another specific remedy is given by statute; *Underhill v. Ellicombe* (a), *Stevens v. Jeacocke* (b).

Secondly, the declaration does not shew any property or possession to enable the Company to maintain the action. The complaint, therefore, is merely of the breach of a statutory provision, which can give no one a right of action. The Company could have no property in the canal under their act without a conveyance; *Doe dem Robins v. Warwick Canal Company* (c); even though the act states that purchased lands are

(a) *M'Clel. & Younge*, 450.

(b) 11 Q. B. 731.

(c) 2 New Ca. 483.

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to vest in the Company on payment; *Earl of Harborough v. Shardlow* (a): nor, indeed, was it necessarily to be presumed that any purchase had been made; *Hollis v. Goldfinch* (b). The water itself, if flowing water, would be publici juris; and the 113th section in itself affords no implication of the Company's ownership of the water. No private right having been infringed, no action lies, and the remedy is by criminal prosecution for a breach of public duty; *Chichester v. Lethbridge* (c) and authorities cited in the note to the report of that case; *Pryce v. Belcher* (d).

Again, no private damage is shewn; and without that the infraction of even a private right gives no cause of action. The conversion of the water is not the act complained of; nor is it shewn that such conversion was any damage to the Company. It is said that, "wherever any act injures another's right, and would be evidence in future in favour of the wrong doer, an action may be maintained for an invasion of the right without proof of any specific injury;" note (2) to *Mellor v. Spateman* (e). But this test is in favour of the defendants; for, if the act complained of is expressly prohibited by statute, no repetition of it could ever afford a presumption of its legality. Again, no right can be established by acts done secretly; *Partridge v. Scott* (g).

They also contended that the language of the 113th section did not distinctly prohibit the acts complained of, and that, if its language were ambiguous, it should be construed against the Company.

Lastly, the first breach does not allege that the de-

(a) 7 M. & W. 87.

(b) 1 B. & C. 205. See *Doe dem. The Queen v. Archbishop of York*, antè, p. 81.

(c) *Willes*, 71, and note (a) p. 74.

(d) 4 Com. B. 866.

(e) 1 Wms. Saund. 346 b. (6th ed.).

(g) 3 M. & W. 220.

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particular invasion complained of has produced no damage in fact. But some damage must result in such a case; and I cannot acquiesce in the argument that, if the act is clearly wrong, the repetition of it, for whatever length of time, can have no tendency to prejudice the right invaded.

PATTESON J. I am of the same opinion. The only difficulty I felt during the argument was, that the declaration is specifically framed on the 113th section of the Company's act, instead of alleging generally that the Company were possessed of the land and water of the canal, and that their right in the property was infringed. Upon this it has been argued that the declaration discloses a breach of a mere public duty, and that, therefore, this action is not maintainable. I think, however, that the objection cannot be sustained. The act allows the owners of land adjacent to the canal to use its water for certain specified purposes, and for those only. The declaration alleges that the canal was made in pursuance of the act, and that the defendants had laid down pipes, lawfully, to communicate with the canal, and ostensibly, therefore, in order to exercise the right of using the water for the purpose allowed by the act; and that, nevertheless, they used the water for a different purpose after it was drawn off, and also drew off more water than was sufficient for that purpose. Upon this it has been argued that the action will not lie, and that the remedy is either by indictment as for a public wrong, or by reference to the Commissioners, to whom jurisdiction over such disputes is given exclusively. Now, if the 113th section ousts the jurisdiction of the superior Courts as to all matters to which the section applies, which I do not concede, I am still of opinion that

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the Company and persons either desirous of exercising or actually exercising rights, such dispute shall be determined by the commissioners. I think that a dispute with a mere wrongdoer is not within the section, and that our jurisdiction is not thereby excluded. Secondly, does the declaration disclose any right of action? If this were a case between individuals there can be no doubt that the action would lie. But it is said that in the actual case there is no private wrong or private damage. I think we must take it, after the lapse of more than fifty years since the passing of the act which allowed the company to purchase land and to make the canal, when also we find that they have made and maintained the canal in pursuance of the act, that the Company are to a certain extent proprietors of the canal and its banks, and, for certain purposes, of the water also. The defendants, on the other hand, have by the same statute the right of using the canal water "for the sole purpose of condensing the steam used for working" their steam engines. The charge is that they have used the water for other purposes. It is said that the section authorised them to use the water for the purpose of "working" their steam engines generally; and the second proviso is relied upon in support of this construction. According to this argument the proviso, which was meant to restrict the substantive enactment, would have the effect of enlarging it. I think the enactment and proviso are quite consistent, and that the effect of both is to limit the use of the water as contended for by the company; and, if any doubt could be entertained, the matter is, at all events, cleared up by the 23d section of the later statute. The water, then, having been used by the defendants for illegal purposes, the general principle applies, that, although

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(Error from the Queen's Bench.)

[Wednesday,
June 18th,
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KING and Another (*a*) against The ROCHDALE
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For marginal
note see *antè*,
p. 122.

JUDGMENT having been entered up in the preceding case (as to the first and second breaches only) (*b*), error was brought on the judgment. It was assigned for error (in addition to the common assignment) that the declaration was not sufficient for the Company to maintain the action; and that the matters in the declaration mentioned ought to have been referred to and determined by the commissioners mentioned in stat. 34 G. 3. c. 78. s. 113 Joinder.

Crompton, for the plaintiffs in error (*c*), contended, principally, that the use of the water, as alleged in the declaration, was not prohibited by the Company's statutes. He also cited *Dobson v. Blackmore* (*d*) to shew that the declaration was bad for want of an averment of damage; and *Comyns's Digest, Action upon the Case* (B 6.), to shew that the form of action should have been trespass (*e*). In other respects the argument was, in substance, the same as in the Court below.

(*a*) The two surviving defendants in the action.

(*b*) See *antè*, note (*b*), p. 128.

(*c*) The writ of error was argued before *Maule, Cresswell* and *Talfourd* Js., and *Parke, Alderson* and *Martin* Bs.

(*d*) 9 Q. B. 991.

(*e*) In *Rochdale Canal Company v. Walmsley*, decided while the above case was depending in error, the declaration, after expressly averring possession of the canal (being land covered with water) by the Company, and

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facie, that the Company were in possession of the canal; that the statute treats them as proprietors of the projected canal, and it was to be assumed that, as such proprietors, they had all the ordinary rights of proprietorship, except so far as ~~these might be~~ qualified either expressly or impliedly by the provisions of their statutes. That, as to the acts complained of in the declaration, there was a difference of opinion among the members of the Court, on the question whether these acts were prohibited by the former statute; but that the Court was unanimous in opinion that the 23d section of the later act put it beyond doubt that such acts were illegal. Upon the question whether the declaration was good without an averment of damage, he referred to the words of the first proviso in sect. 113, "so that no obstruction shall arise therefrom to the said navigation," and observed that they were referable to the legitimate use of the water for condensing purposes only, and introduced to exclude such a mode of returning the water to the canal as might be prejudicial to the navigation. He referred also to *Ashby v. White* (a), and said that the declaration disclosed such an injury to a right as might be the subject of an action without express damage. Upon the remaining question, whether the jurisdiction of the Superior Courts was ousted, he observed that the jurisdiction of the Superior Courts was not to be taken away except by express words or necessary implication, and that it did not sufficiently appear that the legislature intended to confer exclusive jurisdiction on the Commissioners even over the disputes mentioned in the 113th section; and that the provision with respect to disputes with a person "in

(a) 2 *Ld. Raym.* 938.

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said vicarage, the Rev. *George Atkinson*, to be admitted, instituted and inducted into the said benefice.

It appeared from the affidavits on which the rule was obtained that the advowson was conveyed by deed to certain feoffees, in trust to present to the ordinary such person as the majority of the landowners in the parish should appoint from time to time whensoever the incumbency of the said vicarage should be vacant. At an election of an incumbent to the vacant benefice in *April* last, a dispute had arisen whether Mr. *Atkinson* or a Mr. *Sisson* had the majority of votes. The trustees declared that Mr. *Sisson* was elected. No presentation had been made; but the trustees had refused to present Mr. *Atkinson*.

The case was argued during the term (a).

The Court desired to have the question discussed, whether mandamus would lie in such a case.

Watson and *Manisty* shewed cause. The question submitted to this Court respects the administration of a private trust; and the proper remedy is in equity. Many cases similar to the present have been discussed in the equity courts; *Attorney General v. Parker* (b), *The Attorney General v. Forster* (c), *Fearon v. Webb* (d), *Edenborough v. The Archbishop of Canterbury* (e), *Davis v. Jenkins* (g). The trustees have no public duty to perform; if they neglect to present, the public will not suffer; the only consequence will be a lapse to the Ordinary. But, if there is a legal right in the

(a) *June* 11th. Before Lord *Denman* C. J., *Patteson* and *Erle* Js. *Coleridge* J. was sitting at Nisi Prius in *London*.

(b) 1 *Ves* sen. 43.

(c) 10 *Ves*. 335.

(d) 14 *Ves*. 13.

(e) 2 *Russ*. 93.

(g) 3 *Ves*. & *B*. 151. 153.

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The affidavits shew that the persons against whom the writ is prayed hold the advowson under a deed, by which it was conveyed to trustees, in trust to present such person as should be elected by a majority of the landowners of *Orton*: and the dispute is whether Mr. *Atkinson* or Mr. *Sisson* had the majority of votes.

The Court does not enter into any examination of the facts; because we are of opinion that, if the writ of mandamus be the proper remedy, the questions of fact and law arising in this case must be raised by a return to the writ.

But the difficulty is, whether this is a case in which a writ of mandamus ought to issue at all; and that will be found to depend upon whether a writ of quare impedit will lie; for, if it will, all the authorities, except *Clarke v. Bishop of Sarum* (a), are against the granting of the writ of mandamus; and that case is considered not to be good law in *Powel v. Milbank* (b) in the note to *Rex v. Bishop of Chester* (c). It is quite clear that, when the right of presentation is in one person and the right of nomination in another, the nomination is the substantial right, and the presentation ministerial only. Either of the persons, however, may bring quare impedit. "If he who hath the nomination presents to the ordinary, he who ought to present shall have quare impedit, and e contra" (d). "If respect be had of each other, then are they both patrons after a manner, and by injury offered by every of them to the other, one of them may punish the other. As if he that hath the nomination will present immediately to the ordinary, he that hath the presentation may bring a quare impedit or a writ of right of advowson against

(a) 2 Str. 1082.

(c) 1 T. R. 396.

(b) 1 T. R. 399. 401. note (d).

(d) Moore, 49. l. 147.

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pl. 12., citing *Sherley v. Underhill* (a): “ Tout le court fuit d’opinion et direct que le nomination fuit le substance del advowson, et le presentation ne fuit que un ministerial interest. Et si le presentor present sans nomination quare impedit gist; sic auxi si le nominator present immediatè sans presentation quare impedit gist vers le nominator.” If the trustees had in this case presented a person not nominated by the land owners, there seems to be no doubt that the latter might maintain quare impedit; and so it was held in the case of *Rex v. Bishop of Chester*, E. 24. G. 3. B. R. (cited in *Rex v. The Bishop of Chester* (b)); where a mandamus was refused to the inhabitants of *Troutbeck*, because they might bring quare impedit.

But, as they have not presented any one, some doubt may be raised whether the land owners can sue; and, if they cannot, there is certainly no legal remedy, and a case is fairly made for the interposition of this Court by writ of mandamus; unless the right be merely an equitable one. The passages above cited from *Viner’s Abridgment* are, however, an answer to that doubt. The authorities shew that the right of the nominator is not merely an equitable right, but a legal one; otherwise he could in no case maintain quare impedit.

It is, however, found that cases of this sort have always arisen where the right of the nominator has been adverse to that of the presentor, and not where the presentor is a mere trustee for the nominator, as in the present case. Where such is the relation of the parties, the only remedy is in equity: and, therefore, as regards the land owners and the trustees, the former appear to be in the dilemma put by the Court in *Rex*

(a) *Moore*, 894.

(b) 1 T. R. 396.

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stitute him he can maintain no action in his own name; the action must be in the name of his patron for a disturbance of the temporal right; although, if the objection be personal, he may in many cases sue in the Ecclesiastical Court by duplex querela. No instance is to be found in our books of any attempt by a clergyman, even after presentation, to obtain a writ of mandamus to compel his institution to a presentative benefice; and for this plain reason, that there is a legal remedy open to those who present him by quare impedit, and he has himself no legal right whatever. If then Mr. *Atkinson* could not, if he had been presented, have applied to this Court for a writ of mandamus to compel institution, how can it be said that he has such a legal right to this vicarage as to be entitled to a writ of mandamus to compel the trustees to present him? If the presentation by the undoubted patron would give him no legal right, how can the nomination of him by the landowners to the trustees, who have the legal title to present, give him any legal right whatever? It is the right of his patrons (the landowners) that is infringed by the refusal to present, and not *his* right; and they must enforce it, not he.

The case of *Regina v. Kendall* (a) remains to be considered. In that case the prosecutor was the clergyman elected by the brethren of an hospital to a vicarage, the advowson of which was vested in the Master and brethren, who were incorporated; and the Master had refused to put the corporate seal to his presentation. The prosecutor had no legal right there any more than Mr. *Atkinson* has here; the point was

(a) 1 Q. B. 366.

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(Error from the Court of Queen's Bench.)

CHARLES WRIGHT *against* The QUEEN.

An indictment for conspiracy alleged that C. died possessed of *East India* stock, leaving a widow; that

THE record in the Court of King's Bench was as follows:

“Pleas before our Lord the King, at *Westminster*, of

defendants, unlawfully, &c., conspired by false pretences and false swearing &c., unlawfully &c., to obtain the “means and power” of obtaining such stock: that, in pursuance of such conspiracy, defendants caused to be exhibited in the Prerogative Court of *Canterbury* a false affidavit made by one of them, in which the deponent stated that C.'s widow had died without taking out administration to C., and that deponent was one of her children: and it then alleged that defendants fraudulently obtained to deponent, as one of the children of C., a grant of administration to his estate. The indictment contained other similar overt acts, and charged that by means of them defendants did obtain the means and power &c., and did get possession of the said stock.

On motion in Q. B. to arrest the judgment, on the ground that a charge of conspiracy to obtain the “means and power” of obtaining the stock did not describe any offence:

Semble, that the statement of the overt acts done in furtherance of the object of conspiracy was so interwoven with the charge of conspiracy itself as to shew an unlawful conspiracy. But

Held, that, at all events, the overt acts in themselves constituted a misdemeanour, on which the Court could legally pronounce judgment.

Admitted, that a count which merely charged a conspiracy in the same manner without alleging the overt acts was bad.

W., being indicted in Q. B. for a conspiracy, pleaded Guilty; whereupon it was adjudged that he be convicted; and a day was given him, by cur. adv. vult, to hear judgment; and he was afterwards outlawed for non-appearance. He afterwards came into Court in custody, and brought error in Q. B., assigning error in the record, process and publication of outlawry, and in pronouncing the judgment of conviction, and praying that the outlawry and conviction might be reversed, and that he might be restored to all he had lost by the outlawry. The Coroner, for the Crown, joined in error, pleading that neither in the record and process, nor in the publication of the outlawry, nor in pronouncing the judgment of conviction, was there error; and praying that the outlawry might be confirmed. It was admitted that the process of outlawry was erroneous. Held, in Q. B.: that it was sufficient to give judgment merely reversing the outlawry, without any notice of the judgment of conviction. Judgment affirmed in Exch. Chamber.

Per Lord *Denman* C. J.: One of two defendants, convicted of conspiracy, may bring error on the judgment without the other.

The following points were decided by the Court of Exchequer Chamber:

1. W. not having appeared on the day given him to hear judgment (as above), a *capias* issued, which was followed up by process of outlawry. Afterwards the outlawry was re-

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The first count stated that, before and at the several times hereinafter mentioned, and on &c., there was standing in the books of the United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *East Indies*, in the name of one *Charles Campbell &c.* deceased, a certain interest or share in *East India* stock, to the extent of 965*l.* of such stock; and there then and there were certain dividends due and payable in respect thereof; that the said *Charles Campbell* died on 25th *May* 1822; and *Mary Harriet Campbell* his wife survived him and was still living. That *Sophia Pennell* (defendant) was, and still is, the wife of *George Pennell*, who is still living. That defendants, well knowing the premises, with force and arms &c., unlawfully, fraudulently &c., did conspire &c. together, by divers false, subtle, fraudulent and unlawful &c. ways, means and contrivances, and by false pretences and false swearing, unlawfully deceitfully and fraudulently to obtain *the means and power* to and for *S. Pennell* of transferring and disposing of the said stock, and also of obtaining payment to her of the said dividends. That, in pursuance of such conspiracy, defendants afterwards, to wit on &c., unlawfully &c., caused and procured a certain false deposition, purporting to have been made on oath by *S. Pennell* as being a widow, and as one of the lawful children of the said *C. Campbell*, and wherein *S. Pennell* falsely stated that the said *M. H. Campbell*, the widow of *Charles Campbell*, died without having taken upon her letters of administration of his goods, to be exhibited in the Prerogative Court of *Canterbury*; and did then and there fraudulently cause and procure such letters of administration to be issued by the said Prerogative Court, purporting to

grant administration of the goods &c. of *C. Campbell* to *S. Pennell* as one of the lawful children of the said *C. Campbell*.

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The count (after charging two other overt acts of a similar kind, viz., the procuring by similar false affidavits administration to the goods of *M. H. C.*, simply; also administration, with will annexed, of the goods of *C. Campbell*, left unadministered by *M. H. C.* as his executrix) proceeded to allege that defendants, in further pursuance &c., presented &c. such letters of administration to the said United Company &c., and *did* then and there, by such false &c. ways, means and contrivances, and false pretences and false swearing, as aforesaid, falsely, fraudulently and deceitfully *obtain the means and power* to and for *S. Pennell* of transferring and disposing of the said stock; and *S. Pennell* did transfer and dispose of the said stock for a large sum of money, which she did then and there, by such ways &c. as aforesaid, unlawfully obtain and receive to and for her own use and benefit. And that *S. Pennell* did also, by the said false and fraudulent ways &c., then and there obtain payment to her from the said United Company of the said dividends. Averment: that *S. Pennell*, during all the times aforesaid, was the wife of the said *George Pennell*, and who during all the times aforesaid was and still is living, as defendants during all the time aforesaid well knew; that *M. H. Campbell* during all the time aforesaid was and still is living, as defendants during &c. well knew; and that *S. Pennell* was not the lawful daughter of *M. H. Campbell*, which defendants at the said several times well knew: *with intention to defraud M. H. Campbell*. To the great damage of *M. H. Campbell*, &c.

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Second count, the same as the first, only laying the intent to defraud the *East India Company* (a).

The third count varied from the first merely in stating fewer overt acts.

The fifth count contained the same inducement as the first, and alleged that the defendants conspired by false &c. and unlawful ways, means and contrivances unlawfully &c. to cause and procure certain letters of administration, purporting to be a grant of administration, with a certain codicil or confirmation of a will annexed, of the estate and effects left unadministered by *M. H. Campbell* as being deceased, of *C. Campbell*, to her *S. Pennell* as a widow, and as one of the lawful children of *M. H. Campbell* as being deceased, for the purpose of obtaining, and with intent then and there unjustly and unlawfully to obtain and receive, the said last mentioned interest or share of and in the said stock &c. to and for the use of *S. Pennell*. (It then set out the same overt acts as alleged in the first count.)

The seventh count stated that *M. H. Campbell* was beneficially interested in, and entitled to, the stock already mentioned, and that defendants had not any interest therein; and that defendants conspired together by false &c. and unlawful ways and means, and by false pretences, unjustly and unlawfully to obtain the means and power to and for *S. Pennell* of transferring and disposing of the said stock &c.

Ninth count. That defendants, with force and arms, unlawfully, fraudulently &c. did conspire, combine,

(a) The counts were drawn in pairs; the fourth count varying only the allegation of the intent to defraud as laid in the third count, with respect to the person to be defrauded, and so on as to the latter count of each successive pair throughout the indictment.

confederate and agree together, and with divers other evil disposed persons to the jurors unknown, by unjust, false, fraudulent and unlawful ways and means to cheat and defraud *M. H. Campbell* of her moneys and deprive her of the same, and to injure her the said *M. H. Campbell*: to the great damage of the said *M. H. Campbell*.

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Eleventh count. That defendants, on &c., with force and arms, unlawfully &c., did conspire &c. together, by false &c. and unlawful pretences &c., unlawfully to obtain and get into their possession, of and from one *Samuel Bayley*, divers large sums of money, with intent then and there to cheat and defraud the said *S. B.*: to the great damage of the said *S. B.*; &c.

The record in this Court, after the indictment, continued as follows.

" Which said indictment our said Lord the King, afterwards " &c. (certiorari to remove into the Court of Queen's Bench). " Whereupon the sheriffs of *London* are commanded that they cause them to come to answer to our said Lord the King, touching and concerning the premises aforesaid. And now, that is to say on the 2d day of *November* in this same year, before our said Lord the King at *Westminster*, cometh " &c. : appearance of *C. Wright* in person, and of *S. Pennell* by *William Belt* her Clerk in Court; pleas by them severally that they are Not guilty; and joinder by *Edmund Henry Lushington*, the King's Coroner and Attorney. " Therefore let a jury thereupon come before our Lord the King on the 8th day of *January* (a), wheresoever " &c. " The same day is given, as well to the said *E. H. Lushington*, who for our said Lord the King in this behalf prosecuteth, as to the said *C. Wright* and *S. Pennell*. At which time, to wit on the 8th day of *January* (a) aforesaid," &c. ; appearance of *E. H. Lushington*, *C. Wright* in person, and *S. Pennell* by her said clerk in Court; entry of vicecomes non misit breve. " Therefore, as before " &c. ; venire to 12th *April* (a), and that day given to the Coroner and both defendants: on 12th *April* similar appearances and continuances to 19th *May* (a); and on 19th *May* similar appearances and continuances to 3d *November* (a). " At which time, to wit on the 3d

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day of *November* (a) aforesaid" &c. ; appearance of the Coroner, of *C. Wright* in person and of *S. Pennell* by her Clerk in Court. " And the said *C. Wright* and *S. Pennell*, having severally withdrawn their pleas by them in that behalf severally above pleaded in manner and form aforesaid, severally say they cannot deny but that they are Guilty of the premises aforesaid, in manner and form aforesaid above charged upon them, and do severally acknowledge and confess the premises as aforesaid in manner and form as in and by the said indictment is alleged against them : and hereupon they severally put themselves upon the mercy of our said Lord the King.

" Wherefore, all and singular the premises being seen and fully understood by the Court of our said Lord the King now here, it is considered and adjudged, by the said Court here, that they the said *C. Wright* and *S. Pennell* be severally convicted of the premises above charged upon them as aforesaid : and that for their offences aforesaid they be taken, and so forth. And, because the Court of our said Lord the King now here is not advised" &c. : continuance by cur. adv. vult, and day given to *C. Wright*, *S. Pennell* and the coroner, to 12th *January* (b), " to hear their judgment thereupon." " At which time, to wit on the 12th day of *January* (b), before our said Lord the King, at *Westminster*, come as well the said *Edward Henry Lushington*, who for our said Lord the King" &c., " as the said *S. Pennell* in her proper person : and the said *C. Wright*, although being solemnly called, doth not come. Therefore, by the writ of our said Lord the King directed to the sheriffs of *London*, the said sheriffs are commanded that they take the said *C. Wright*, if he shall be found in their bailiwick, and him safely keep, so that they may have his body before our said Lord the King on the 12th day of *April* (b), where-soever" &c., " to satisfy our said Lord the King concerning his redemption by reason of the conspiracies and misdemeanors aforesaid, whereof he with another is so indicted and convicted as aforesaid. And, because the Court of our said Lord the King now here is not as yet advised about giving their judgment of and upon the premises aforesaid, whereof the said *S. Pennell* together with the said *C. Wright* is so convicted as aforesaid, day is therefore further given, as well to the said *E. H. Lushington*, who for our said Lord" &c., " as to the said *S. Pennell*, until on the same 12th day of *April* (b), before our said Lord the King, wheresoever" &c., " to hear" &c. : " At which time, to wit on the 12th day of *April* (b) aforesaid, before our said Lord the King, at *Westminster*, come as well the said *E. H. Lushington*, who for our said Lord" &c., " as the said *S. Pennell* in her proper person. And the sheriffs of the said city of *London* have returned the said last mentioned writ, so to them directed, indorsed as follows: viz. : ' The within named *Charles Wright* is not found in our bailiwick. *Alexander Raphael* and *John Illidge*, sheriffs.' Where-upon, by the writ of exigent of our said Lord the King, the sheriffs of

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(b) A. D. 1835.

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custody aforesaid into Court here, and thereupon prays oyer of the record aforesaid ; and it is read to him : he also prays oyer of the said first mentioned writ of *exigi facias* ; and it is read to him in these words " &c. The writ was then set out. " Which being read and heard, the said *Charles Wright* says that in the record and process, and also in the publication, of the aforesaid outlawry, and in the pronouncing the said judgment of conviction, there is manifest error in this ; to wit, that it is not shewn, nor does it appear by the return of the said sheriffs," &c : errors were then alleged in the process of outlawry. " There is also error in this ; to wit, that the said process and judgment of outlawry is founded on the said judgment of the said Court of our said Lord the late King, whereby it was considered and adjudged that the said *C. Wright* and *S. Pennell* be severally convicted of the premises above charged upon them as aforesaid ; and, whereas the charge contained in the eighth and subsequent counts of the said indictment is of too general and vague a nature to warrant or sustain any conviction thereon, therefore in that there is manifest error. There is also error in this : to wit, that the said Court have considered and adjudged that the said *C. Wright* and *S. Pennell* be severally convicted of the premises above charged upon them as aforesaid ; whereas the said Court should and ought to have considered and adjudged that, as to part of the premises so charged, to wit the eighth and subsequent counts, the said *C. Wright* and *S. Pennell* go without day : therefore in that there is manifest error. Wherefore the said *Charles Wright* prays that the outlawry and conviction aforesaid, for the errors aforesaid, and other errors appearing on the record and process aforesaid, may be reversed and held for nothing ; and that he may be restored to the common law and to all which he hath lost by occasion of the outlawry aforesaid &c. And now, on the same day and year aforesaid, *Charles Francis Robinson*, Esq., Coroner and Attorney of our Sovereign Lady the Queen, in the Court of our said Lady the Queen before the Queen herself, being present here in Court in his proper person, and having heard the matters aforesaid above assigned for error, for our Sovereign Lady the Queen saith that neither in the record and process aforesaid, nor in the publication of the aforesaid outlawry, nor in the pronouncing the said judgment of conviction, is there any error : and he prays that the Court of our said Lady the Queen now here may proceed to the examination, as well of the record and proceedings aforesaid, as of the matters aforesaid above assigned for error ; and that the outlawry aforesaid may be in all things confirmed."

The case on error in this Court was argued in *Michaelmas* term, 1846 (a).

(a) November 18th. In the preceding *Easter* term (May 5th, 1846), Sir *F. Thesiger*, Attorney General, had applied to have the case taken

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outlawry. 11 *H.* 4. 66. and may assign error in the principal, before he reverses the outlawry; for by reversing the principal he reverses the outlawry. 11 *H.* 4. 6. 8 *H.* 7. 10. 7 *H.* 6. 44. *Contrà*, 7 *H.* 4. 40." It seems from this that even a judgment of outlawry, good in itself, may be reversed for error in the judgment on which it is founded: and that is reasonable, the outlawry being merely a collateral proceeding to punish the party for avoiding the punishment; and, if the conviction itself be bad, the party ought not to be punished, though the process of outlawry be quite regular: yet that would be the result if the conviction may not be impugned in this mode. Three authorities from the *Year-books* are mentioned by the annotator on *Fitzherbert*, as supporting his view. In *Yearb. Mich.* 11 *H.* 4. fol. 6 A. pl. 14. (*Tersculard' v. Penros*) error was brought upon a judgment and an outlawry pronounced thereon; and the plaintiff in error attacked the principal judgment: it was objected to this that, although there might be error in the principal record, yet, if the process of outlawry after the judgment were good, the outlawry could not be reversed: but *Gascoigne* (C. J. of K. B.) said that the record and the judgment were the original of the process of outlawry, so that, if there were defect in the original judgment, the outlawry, which depended upon it, was reversable (a). In *Yearb. Trin.* 7 *H.* 6. fol. 44 A. pl. 22. the plaintiff in error was allowed to assign error on the chief judgment as well as the outlawry, though the objection was taken. [*Coleridge J.* Could the Court reverse its own

(a) From the conclusion of this case, *Yearb. Trin.* 11 *H.* 4. fol. 94 A. pl. 57., it seems that the outlawry was actually reversed for an error in the chief record.

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firmed." The question, therefore, referred to the Court is merely as to the reversal of the outlawry. The defendant in error denies that there is error in either the judgment or outlawry, because the outlawry might be reversed for a defect in either. Even if the parties had pleaded so as to raise a question on the reversal of the judgment of conviction, that would not give jurisdiction. It is true that an error in the judgment in chief may be ground for reversing the outlawry, as is implied by the proceeding in *Rex v. Wilkes* (a); but that is very different from reversing the judgment. And thus the hardship suggested on the other side could not arise; for, if there were a regular outlawry upon a bad judgment, the outlawry might be reversed, and then the party could be heard to reverse the judgment, or, in this case, to arrest it. In some of the precedents cited on the other side, the writ of error itself seems to have been so framed as to demand a reversal of both the principal judgment and the outlawry. That explains the note (b) on *Fitzh. N. B.* 20. F. [Lord Denman C. J. It seems so: but how could that have been allowed? How could an outlaw, before his outlawry was reversed, be heard for reversing the judgment?] Probably at that time the rule was not established, as now, that an outlaw can be heard only to reverse his outlawry. The case in the note on *Fitzherbert* was a *redisseisin*, where, if the first judgment be reversed, all the proceedings on the *redisseisin* are reversible; 1 *Rol. Abr.* 777. tit. *Error* (F) pl. 1., where also it is said, pl. 3, 4, that the reversal of the original judgment reverses the outlawry, but the reversal of the outlawry does not reverse the

(a) 4 *Burr.* 2527. 2553.

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consistent with the principle that an outlaw can be heard only for the purpose of having his outlawry reversed. For that purpose, no doubt, he is entitled to urge that the judgment is faulty: that was done in *Rex v. Wilkes* (a): but the result can be nothing beyond a reversal of the outlawry. I wish to observe that I think one of Sir *F. Thesiger's* objections unfounded; namely, that one of several defendants cannot maintain error without joining the others. That is clearly not so. In *O'Connell's* case (b) the several defendants had separate writs of error.

COLERIDGE J. On behalf of the plaintiff in error it is urged that a defect in either the judgment or process of outlawry would be sufficient ground for reversing the outlawry, and that therefore he is entitled in this proceeding to call upon us to reverse the judgment. It is also suggested that the defendant has assented to this, by taking issue as to the error in the judgment: but to this I think Sir *F. Thesiger* has given the true answer: namely that, as a defect in the judgment as well as one in the process of outlawry would warrant a reversal of the outlawry, it was necessary, with a view to the validity of the outlawry alone, to deny that there was error in either. There are two reasons for our not deciding upon the judgment now. First, there are errors assigned besides, upon which we can reverse the outlawry. Secondly, no judgment has yet been pronounced by this Court. There has been only a plea of Guilty, which in its effect is the same as a verdict of Guilty; and then the legal consequence follows, that

(a) 4 Burr. 2536. 2544.

(b) *O'Connell v. The Queen*, 11 Cl. & F. 155. 182.

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here that in the record and process of outlawry aforesaid, as also in the said publication and judgment of the said outlawry, there is manifest error. Therefore it is considered and adjudged by the said Court here that, for certain of the errors above in that behalf assigned, the said judgment of outlawry, in form aforesaid pronounced and had against the said *C. Wright*, be reversed, annulled, and altogether held for nothing; and that the said *C. Wright* be discharged from the outlawry aforesaid, and be restored to all things which by reason of the judgment of outlawry aforesaid he has lost."

Sir *John Jervis*, Attorney General, in *Hilary* term, 1847, obtained a rule to shew cause why the judgment on all the counts except the 9th and 10th (*a*) should not be arrested. In *Trinity* vacation (*June* 30th), 1847,

Peacock shewed cause. Three objections will be taken to the first four counts.

First. It will be said those counts do not shew any offence, inasmuch as the conspiracy alleged is to obtain the "means and power" only of transferring stock; and *Rex v. Richardson* (*b*) will be relied on, where it was held that an indictment for a conspiracy to cheat and defraud a party of "the fruits and advantages" of a verdict was too general. But here the counts set out overt acts which of themselves amount to a misdemeanour; for it is averred that the defendants by false depositions obtained the "means and power" of transferring, and that *Pennel* did transfer, the stock. Even if the defendants had sought to attain some innocent object, it would be an indictable offence to employ false swearing as the means of attaining it. In *Rex v. Eccles* (*c*) the indictment stated that the defendants conspired together, by "*indirect means*," to prevent a

(*a*) The rule was refused with respect to these.

The case on the rule to arrest judgment is reported by *H. Davison*, Esq.

(*b*) 1 *M. & Rob.* 402.

(*c*) 13 *East*, 230, note (*d*); *S. C.* 1 *Leach*, *C. C.* 274. 4th ed.

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being tradesmen, of their goods &c., without either naming such persons or stating any excuse for not naming them.

The third objection (which is also taken to the fifth and sixth counts) is that it is not stated whose property the stock was. That however is immaterial, since the overt acts charge an indictable misdemeanour.

The 7th and 8th, 11th and 12th counts, as to which, substantially, the same objections are raised, but which state no overt acts, cannot be supported; and, as to those, the rule may be made absolute.

Hurlstone, contra. First. The conspiracy alleged does not amount to an offence in law. It is difficult to attach any definite legal meaning to a charge of conspiracy to obtain "the means and power" of doing an act. The object of such conspiracy may be perfectly innocent; two or more persons who agree to join in purchasing a gun for the purpose of killing game may, in one sense, be said to have conspired together to obtain the "*means and power*" of committing murder. It is sought to make out an offence by aid of the overt acts: but the gist of the crime is the conspiracy itself. In *Regina v. Kenrick* (a) Lord Denman C. J. said that any combination to prejudice another unlawfully has been considered as constituting a conspiracy: and he added: "The offence has been held to consist in the conspiracy, and not in the facts committed for carrying it into effect." In the present case, if the overt acts shew an offence amounting to some misdemeanour, other than a conspiracy, the defendants should have

(a) 5 Q. B. 49. 61.

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not stating to whom the goods belonged. There Lord Denman C. J. said: "Although weighty doubts may be stated as to the propriety of requiring particularity in matters which do not affect the question of moral offence, yet it has always been held that the goods must be described as belonging to some party, or that some other description must be given of them, since otherwise the prosecutor might make an indefinite statement, and lie in wait for whatever might come out in evidence."

Lord DENMAN C. J. I am of opinion that the first six counts may be sustained. The statement of the means used for effecting the object of the conspiracy is so interwoven with the charge of conspiracy as to shew upon the face of those counts an unlawful conspiracy. But, if that were not so, the overt acts shew an indictable misdemeanour upon which the Court can pronounce judgment.

The rule will be absolute for arresting the judgment on the 7th, 8th, 11th and 12th counts.

PATTESON and COLERIDGE Js. concurred.

Rule absolute as to the 7th, 8th,
11th and 12th counts only (*a*).

The record was continued as follows.

"And, because the Court of our said Lady the Queen now here is not as yet advised about giving their judgment of and upon the premises whereof the said *C. Wright* and the said *S. Pennell* are so convicted as aforesaid, day is therefore further given, as well to the said *C. F. Robinson*, who for our said Lady" &c., "as to the said *C. Wright* and the said *S. Pennell*, until the 11th day of *January* in the 10th year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady the Queen (*b*), before our said Lady the Queen at

(*a*) See p. 170. note (*a*), post.

(*b*) A. D. 1847.

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The defendant *Wright* brought error in the Exchequer Chamber. The entry was as follows.

<p>“ <i>Charles Wright</i>, indicted with another, plaintiff in error, against <i>The Queen</i>, defendant in error.”</p>	}	<p>In the Exchequer Chamber, <i>Trinity</i> term, in the eleventh year of the reign of Queen <i>Victoria</i>.</p>
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And now, that is to say on the 26th day of *May* in this same term,” &c.

The plaintiff in error assigned (besides general error and other grounds which it is not necessary to set out (a)) grounds which, in the corresponding points delivered on his behalf, were stated and numbered as follows.

24. That the *capias* was returnable, and a day given to defendant, on a *dies non juridicus*, viz. 12 *April*, and this makes a discontinuance.

25. That the first writ of *exigi facias* was awarded on a *dies non*.

26. The like as to the return of the first, and award of the second, writs of *exigi facias*.

27. The like as to the award of the *allocatur exigent*.

28. That there is a discontinuance, no day being given to defendant after 12 *January*.

29. General assignment of discontinuance.

30. That issue was joined as to whether there was error in the judgment of conviction; but no judgment was given thereon.

31. The like.

The case came on, at the sittings in error after

(a) Among these were grounds relating to the sufficiency of the indictment: but these were abandoned on argument by *Hurlstone*, the judgment being entered separately on each count, and the recent decision of *Regina v. Sydschiff*, 11 Q. B. 245., supporting the 9th and 10th counts.

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confession: there is no delay of trial. *Parke B.* Will not delay of judgment raise the objection?]

As to the 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th points. On 12th *January* 1835, the plaintiff in error not appearing, a *capias* issues returnable on 12th *April* 1835. On that day the sheriffs return *Non est inventus*, and a writ of exigent is awarded returnable on 24th *May* 1835. On the day last mentioned, the writ is returned, and an allocatur writ of exigent is awarded (*antè*, p. 155). Now in the year 1835 both the 12th of *April* and the 24th of *May* fell on *Sunday*: and the Courts cannot act on a *Sunday*; *Swann v. Broome* (a). *Kenworthy v. Peppiat* (b) shews that the proceeding is therefore void, and not amendable. In *Morrison v. Manley* (c) a *distringas*, returnable on a *Sunday*, was set aside with costs. The consequence is that there is a discontinuance on this record from 12th *January* 1835 to the return day of the allocatur exigent, namely, 30th *October* 1835, that is, of two terms, *Easter* and *Trinity*. [*Parke B.* The result of your argument, if correct, would be to make the outlawry void: but that is set aside already. There can be no continuance required in the case of a party while he is outlawed. The question then will be as to the objections to the proceedings subsequent to the reversal.]

The case then stood over.

In the same sittings (*December* 4th, 1848; present *Coltman, Cresswell* and *Williams Js.*, and *Parke, Alderson, Rolfe* and *Platt Bs.*), the case being called on,

PARKE B. said: The transcript cannot be faithful.

(a) 3 *Burr.* 1595.

(b) 4 *B. & Ald.* 238.

(c) 1 *Dowl. P. C. N. S.* 773.

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The case was called on, at the sittings in error after *Hilary* term, 1849 (*February* 1st), before *Coltman*, *Maule* and *Williams* Js., and *Parke*, *Rolfe*, *Alderson* and *Platt* Bs.

Hurlstone, for the plaintiff in error, stated that the defendant in error had amended, but the plaintiff in error contended that there was still error, and had assigned errors anew; that there had been no certiorari; and that there was no new joinder in error.

Forsyth, contra, stated that the judgment roll itself had been amended; that the new assignment of error contained merely what had been contained in the original assignment in this Court, with some amendment: and that therefore the defendant in error chose to abide by the original joinder.

PARKE B. There is authority for bringing up the transcript without a certiorari: but there must be a fresh joinder.

The case then stood over.

The Crown having joined in error, the case came on for argument during the sittings in error in the present vacation (*June* 13th), before *Coltman*, *Maule*, *Cresswell* and *Williams* Js., and *Parke*, *Alderson*, *Rolfe* and *Platt* Bs.

Corner, for the plaintiff in error. There are still discontinuances on the record. First: It now appears that *Wright* is brought into Court, "in custody by virtue of a warrant theretofore issued upon the said judgment of conviction and outlawry," "on the 26th

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of trespass; and it applies a fortiori to a criminal charge of conspiracy, where the charge fails unless brought home to the two. [*Parke B.* Two must be shewn to have joined in the conspiracy; but it is not necessary that both should be defendants: and, where they are so, they may be tried at different assizes.] Fourthly: By stat. 1 *W.* 4. c. 3. s. 2. writs may be made returnable on the third day exclusive, or any later day (not being *Sunday*), before the commencement of each term, and the appearance shall be the third day exclusive after the return, except in the case of *Sundays*. But the three days previous to the first day in full term are not considered as part of the term; *Tidd's New Practice*, 43; and on those days the Court can therefore do nothing. Now here the *venire facias juratores* is made returnable on 8th *January* 1834, 12th *April* 1834, 19th *May* 1834, which is in conformity with the statute, so far as the return is concerned: but on those same days the Court awards a new *venire*, which could not be done except in term. The same objection applies to the proceedings on 12th *April* 1835, on 24th *May* 1835 (for *Trinity* term in 1835 began on 26th *May*), and on 30th *October* 1835. The effect of this is that several terms are entirely missed. Fifthly: The discontinuances noticed in the former argument in this Court, in respect of the process awarded on *Sundays*, have not been cured by the amendment.

That these discontinuances are ground of error appears by many authorities; *Com. Dig. Courts* (P. 11.), *Pleader* (V 1.), (V 3.), (W 1.); 1 *Rol. Abr.* 485, tit. *Continuance & Discontinuance* (B) pl. 1.; 5 *Vin. Abr.* 457, *Continuance and Discontinuance*, (A) pl. 25. Nor is this cured by *retraxit*, or by any pleading over,

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record before the retraxit and plea of Guilty, and is cured by the confession on the record. As to the second objection, it is immaterial how *Wright* came into Court for the purpose of reversing his outlawry: he might come in ore tenus: and it cannot be necessary to have any continuance at all during the outlawry: at any rate, the effect will be only to make the proceedings from the confession up to the reversal of the outlawry bad: and these are proceedings affecting merely the outlawry: if they are bad, the only effect is to make the outlawry bad; and that is reversed already. "It seems agreed, as a general rule, that a man cannot reverse judgment for error, unless he can shew that the error was to his disadvantage;" 3 *Bac. Abr.* 105 (7th ed.), tit. *Error* (K) 4. This last answer meets also the fifth objection as to discontinuance. As to the discontinuance first suggested, the heading "*Hilary* term in the 9th year of the reign of Queen *Victoria*" sufficiently alleges the term to which the proceedings immediately following belong: and the plaintiff in error heads his assignment of errors in this Court in the same way. [*Parke* B. The entry of the bringing into Court could not be headed "as yet of *Michaelmas* term," because it is a fresh term: so the new title of the new term is inserted. Certainly we should require some authority to shew that this is wrong.] As to the discontinuance thirdly suggested, it becomes immaterial by both parties having, at an earlier step, pleaded Guilty. A confession on record is at least as strong as a verdict of Guilty. After that, it was not necessary to give a day to either in the Court below. In *Lakins v. Lamb* (a) quare impedit was

(a) *Cro. Car.* 235.

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that rule relates to his own acts, not to those of the Court.

Cur. adv. vult.

PARKE B., in this vacation (*June 15th, 1849*), delivered the judgment of the Court.

In this case the objections, on the part of the plaintiff in error, to the indictment itself were withdrawn, and properly, in consequence of the decision in the case of *Sydserrff v. The Queen*(a): and the argument proceeded entirely upon objections to the form of the record.

The principal one was to the uncertainty, on the face of the record, of the state of the proceedings which took place at the defendant's coming into Court to reverse the outlawry. That objection has been removed by an amendment in the Court of Queen's Bench, stating those proceedings to be of *Hilary* term 1846. For we all think that the form adopted, of heading the narrative of those proceedings with the date of the term, is sufficient, without the more formal heading which is termed "placita," and with which the whole record commences.

It was still, however, contended, by the learned counsel for the plaintiff in error, that the record was erroneous; and many other objections were taken, and ably supported on the further argument before us. These were, chiefly, that the continuances were defective, and that, no discontinuance or miscontinuance being cured by the statutes of jeofails (which do not extend to criminal cases), the judgment ought to be reversed.

(a) 11 Q. B. 245.

One of these objections was, that the continuances as to Mrs. *Pennell* were wrong, and that, as she was jointly indicted with the plaintiff in error, he had a right to say that the record was erroneous as against himself. But the learned counsel was not able to cite any authorities to that effect in a criminal case, which is divisible; for one may be tried at a different time from the other (*Rex v. Mawbey (a)*): and, in the absence of authority to the contrary, we all think that we cannot take these objections into consideration for the benefit of the defendant *Wright*, who alone brings his writ of error.

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We therefore confine ourselves to those which arise on the proceedings against the plaintiff in error.

It was contended, that continuances between the *capias pro fine* issued against *Wright* in *Hilary* 1835, and his appearance in *Hilary* 1846, by regular notices of *dies datus* to each (or at least to the Coroner and Attorney of the Crown), were necessary. We are clearly of opinion that they were not. After the contempt of the defendant, and during the proceedings to outlawry, and whilst the outlawry continued, the suit was suspended; and it would be idle to give the defendant a day, or to give one to the Coroner and Attorney on a speculation that the defendant might be amenable to justice on a future day. See the judgment of Lord *Mansfield* in *Rex v. Wilkes (b)*.

Next, it was said that the defendant ought to have been brought into Court on the *capias utlagatum* to reverse the outlawry, and that being brought into Court simply was not enough. It appears from the

(a) 6 T. R. 619. 638.

(b) 4 Burr. 2531.

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authorities that this is the regular course; *Milna v. Browne* (a) is to that effect, and *Br. Abr., Proces*, 80. This is explained, in Lord *Mansfield's* judgment in *Rex v. Wilkes* (b), to be the practice; but he states that it is in the power of the Court to dispense with it, and allow the defendant to appear gratis: and, if so, an appearance gratis cannot be erroneous; a fortiori one when he is in custody cannot be so.

Another objection was that the continuance of the jury process was erroneous. The venire was made returnable on the 12th *April* 1834, which was the third day before the commencement of term, which is right. And the record proceeds to state that on that day the Court awarded another venire, on the suggestion of *Vicecomes non misit breve*. That day, it is contended, was out of term, and that it was not competent for the Courts to act upon that day, even in awarding process in continuation. But, although that day is not considered as term for the purpose of sitting for the dispatch of business (*Tidd's New Practice*, p. 43.), we think that it is still part of the term for the purpose of awarding process in continuation of former process, as the *essoign* day of the term appears to have been before; and therefore there is no discontinuance of the jury process at all.

But, if this be not so, we think that there is no objection in the present case; for, supposing that a trial had been had and judgment was to be pronounced on the verdict, and that discontinuance might have been a fatal objection, in this case, the defendant having

(a) 2 *Dyer*, 192 b. See *Bro. Abr. Utlagarie*, pl. 26. (bis).

(b) 4 *Burr.* 2531.

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IN

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XIII. VICTORIA.

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COLERIDGE J.

ERLE J.

WIGHTMAN J.

Lord DENMAN C. J. was absent during the whole Term and Vacation, on account of ill health.

MEMORANDA.

Mr. Justice *Coltman* died in last *Trinity* vacation, *July* 11th.

In the same vacation

Thomas Noon Talfourd, Esq., Serjeant at Law, was appointed one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas. He afterwards received the honour of knight-hood.

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the inducement of this count set forth, heretofore, to wit on the 26th day of *September*, A. D. 1847, falsely," &c. "did print and publish, and cause" &c., "in the said newspaper called *The Weekly Dispatch*, of and concerning the plaintiff, a certain other false," &c. libel, containing, amongst other things, the false," &c. "matter following, of and concerning the plaintiff: that is to say:" a fresh libel was then set out, which made no reference to that in the first count; but to one of the imputations in the libel in the second count there was the following innuendo: "thereby meaning that the plaintiff had been guilty of the acts of outrage and oppression in the said first count, and in the inducement of this count, set forth, and of such acts of outrage and oppression as justified his deposition by his subjects."

There were a 3d, 4th and 5th count, each of which, so far as relates to the point decided, was framed like count 2.

Plea 1. As to the grievances in the declaration mentioned, as far as the same relate to the printing or publishing, or causing &c., in the said newspaper, the following matter, that is to say &c. (the libel in the first count was then set out): so far as such grievances relate respectively to the printing and publishing, or to the causing &c., any part of such matter: That the several grievances &c.: statute of Limitations.

Replication: That the several grievances in that plea mentioned, and each and every of them, were committed by defendant within six years next before the commencement &c. Issue thereon.

Plea 2. To counts 2, 3, 4 and 5, Not guilty. Similiter.

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caused can support the complaint. It would be otherwise in the case of an indictment, where the question would be, whether the public had been injured by an act tending to provoke a breach of the peace. The publication proved was, in law, a publication to the plaintiff himself, which cannot be the foundation of a civil action. Nor is this like the case of a newspaper lately published, where, from a single publication on a particular day, it may be inferred that the newspaper has been recently in circulation elsewhere.

At all events, the damages for such a publication ought to have been very trifling; and the jury should have been told so. As it is, the damages may have been given as largely as if the newspaper of 1830 had been recently circulated.

Cur. adv. vult.

COLERIDGE J., in this term (*November 16th*), delivered the judgment of the Court.

In this case we reserved for consideration two points on which it was urged that Lord *Denman* had misdirected the jury; and also the question of excess of damages.

As to the first, Sir *Frederick Thesiger* contended that Lord *Denman* should have told the jury no publication of the libel in the first count was proved within six years. It appeared that the publication relied on was a sale of a copy of the newspaper to a person sent by the plaintiff to procure it, who, on receiving it, carried it to the plaintiff. It was said that this was a sale to the plaintiff himself, and, therefore, not a sufficient publication to sustain a civil action for damages. And, in some sense, it is true that it was a

sale and delivery to the plaintiff; but we think it was also a publication to the agent. The question arises as on a plea of Not guilty in an ordinary case. The defendant, who, on the application of a stranger, delivers to him the writing which libels a third person, publishes the libellous matter to him, though he may have been sent for the purpose of procuring the work by that third person. So far as in him lies, he lowers the reputation of the principal in the mind of the agent, which, although that of an agent, is as capable of being affected by the assertions as if he were a stranger. The act is complete by the delivery: and its legal character is not altered, either by the plaintiff's procurement or by the subsequent handing over of the writing to him. Of course that this publication was by the procurement of the plaintiff is not material to the question we are now considering.

Sir *Frederick Thesiger* urged, secondly, that, in directing the jury as to the damages, Lord *Denman* should have expressly cautioned the jury to limit the amount to be given on this count to what injury they might believe to have been occasioned by the single publication proved. This, of course, would have necessitated the separation of the damages given on this count from those on the other counts, which were for other libels: and this, in the present instance, was scarcely possible, as some of the latter counts referred to, and in some sense incorporated, the libel in the first count with those for which they were themselves framed. But we know no reason why the ordinary rule should not have been pursued in this case. We have no doubt the jury were sufficiently informed as to the peculiar circumstances of the case; and, con-

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sidering these, and the nature of the libel itself, they were to draw their conclusion as to the amount of injury resulting, and the proper compensation to be given.

We see no ground, therefore, on either point, for thinking there was any misdirection.

As to the damages, Lord *Denman* is not dissatisfied with the amount: and, on reading the libels, we entirely agree with him.

There will be no rule, except on the affidavits (*a*).

Rule granted, on the affidavits only.

(*a*) As to the rule on the affidavits, see note (*a*) to *Re Lloyd*, 15 Q. B. 682.

Saturday,
November 3d.

PRATT *against* HANBURY.

To a count for false imprisonment, defendant pleaded that his goods had been stolen by a person unknown to him; and that he had probable cause for suspecting plaintiff to have been guilty of

TRESPASS. The first count charged an assaulting of defendant, imprisoning him without reasonable or probable cause, and compelling him to go to a police office. There was a second count, not material to the point now decided.

Pleas to first count. 1. Not guilty. Issue thereon.
2. That, before the committing &c., to wit on &c.,

the felony; also, that the goods had been stolen by a person unknown, and plaintiff had feloniously and knowingly received them: also, that a person unknown had feloniously received, and defendant had probable cause to suspect plaintiff of having been guilty of and concerned in the felonious receiving.

In support of these averments, proof was offered that the goods had been, in the first instance, stolen or received by *P.*, a person known to defendant. The Judge amended the pleas, substituting *P.*, by name, for the person unknown.

The Court, under stat. 3 & 4 W. 4. c. 42. s. 23., refused a rule for a new trial.

Though it was suggested that the person named had been tried for the felony and acquitted.

certain goods and chattels, to wit one cask containing divers to wit fifty gallons of ale, of defendant, of great value &c., to wit 10*l.*, were "feloniously stolen, taken and carried away by *some person or persons who were and are to the defendant unknown.*" That afterwards, and before the committing &c., to wit on &c., "the said goods and chattels, to wit the said cask of ale, which had been and was so feloniously stolen, taken and carried away as aforesaid, were found and discovered to be, and the same then were, without the defendant's knowledge, privity or consent, in the dwelling house of the plaintiff, in which he then was residing and being, to wit a certain public house, called" &c., situate &c. "That, after the said goods and chattels, to wit the said cask of ale, were so discovered as aforesaid in the said plaintiff's said dwelling house, and before any of the said times when &c. in the said first count mentioned, to wit on" &c., "the said plaintiff, in conversation," &c.: circumstances of suspicion were then set forth. "Therefore the defendant says that he, the defendant, having, before the committing" &c., "good and probable cause to suspect, and vehemently suspecting, the plaintiff to have been and to be guilty of or concerned in the said felonious stealing, taking and carrying away of the said cask of ale, and to have feloniously stolen, taken and carried away the same, did, at the first of the said times when &c., cause the plaintiff to be arrested" &c.: stating that the defendant was given in charge to a police constable, taken before a magistrate, and committed for trial. Replication: *De injuriâ*. Issue thereon.

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3. Averment of the stealing by a person unknown,

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as before, and that plaintiff "did feloniously receive and have the said goods and chattels, he the plaintiff then well knowing them to have been so feloniously stolen," &c.: "whereby the plaintiff was guilty of felony" &c.: justification as before. Replication, *De injuriâ*. Issue thereon.

4. Averment of the theft (not stating by whom), and that a person, to defendant unknown, did feloniously receive the goods &c.; and they were, without defendant's knowledge, in plaintiff's dwelling house; stating circumstances of suspicion; wherefore defendant, having good and probable cause to suspect, and vehemently suspecting, the plaintiff to have been guilty of, or concerned in, the said felonious receiving and having of the said cask of ale so feloniously stolen, taken and carried away as in this plea aforesaid, and of having feloniously received the same well knowing it to have been stolen, did" &c.: justifying as before. Replication: *De injuriâ*. Issue thereon.

Justifications were also pleaded to the 2d count: to which *De injuriâ* was replied: whereon issue was joined.

On the trial, before Lord *Denman* C. J., at the *Middlesex* sittings after last *Trinity* term, it appeared that a cask of ale belonging to the defendant, who was a brewer, had been left at the house of the plaintiff by a person named *John Press*, who was in the employ of the defendant and well known to him; and that, this becoming known to the defendant, the house was searched, and the cask was discovered under circumstances which, as was contended for the defendant, justified the suspicion that *Press* had stolen the cask and that the defendant either was a party to the felony

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case. [*Wightman J.* The defendant might in this action have proved the fact of a theft by *Press*, notwithstanding his acquittal.] The acquittal would have been evidence in aggravation of damages. [*Coleridge J.* Was the charge made against the plaintiff after *Press's* trial?] No. The plaintiff might have been prepared with evidence to prove *Press's* innocence. The material cases on amendment are collected in 1 *Taylor on Evidence*, 152., &c. In *David v. Preece (a)* the plea was that the plaintiff, who sued on a promissory note, had accepted, in satisfaction of that note, another note with an additional party: it appeared that the note last mentioned had been given in satisfaction, not of the note declared on, but of a third note, which had no additional party, and which had been given in satisfaction of the note declared on. The Judge amended the plea according to the facts: but this Court held the amendment not to be warranted, inasmuch as it introduced a transaction entirely different from that described in the plea. That is so here: and the misstatement was calculated to mislead the plaintiff. *Press* was known to all parties: the allegation in effect is, that the theft had been committed by some person other than *Press*. *John v. Currie (b)* and *Bowers v. Nixon (c)* are authorities against the amendment.

COLERIDGE J. I think there ought to be no rule. The statute was intended to enlarge the power of the Judge at Nisi prius; and it gave him a discretion as to the extent of the amendment. I doubt whether the proviso at the end of sect. 23, allowing an application

(a) 5 Q. B. 440.

(b) 6 C. & P. 618.

(c) 2 Car. & K. 372.

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known: the evidence offered was of a felony committed by a man named *Press*. That, in my opinion, was a variance which the Judge might set right by amendment.

ERLE J. concurred.

Rule refused.

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November 3d.

ROLFE *against* LEARMONTH.

The Deputy Sealer in the Court of Chancery performed his duty, of affixing the Great Seal to certain instruments, in a room called the Sealer's room, adjoining the Court at *Westminster* or *Lincoln's Inn* where the Lord Chancellor sat for the time being; or in a room called the Sealer's room at the House of Lords when the Lord Chancellor attended the House judicially; and at other times in the Great Seal Patent Office, *Quality Court, Chancery Lane*.

THE plaintiff in this cause having obtained a verdict against the defendant for less than 20*l.*,

Keane now moved for a rule to shew cause why the defendant should not be at liberty to enter a suggestion (*a*) on the roll to deprive the plaintiff of costs, on the ground that the plaintiff did not, at the time of commencing this action, dwell more than twenty miles from the defendant, and that the cause of action arose within the jurisdiction of the *Westminster* County Court of *Middlesex*, holden under stat. 9 & 10 *Vict. c. 95.*, within which the defendant carried on his business at the time when the action was brought; the case being also in the other material respects within the enactments giving the County Court jurisdiction.

It appeared, on affidavits sworn by the defendant,

Held, that the Sealer's room or office, not being a fixed place, but shifting with the avocations of the Lord Chancellor, could not be deemed a place of business for the purpose of giving jurisdiction to a County Court within sect. 128 of stat. 9 & 10 *Vict. c. 95.*

And *quære* whether the duty performed by the Deputy Sealer was a business at all, within that section.

(*a*) See now Stat. 13 & 14 *Vict. c. 61. sect. 11.*

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forms his duties as such Deputy Sealer as aforesaid, during the hours aforesaid, in a room in the House of Lords aforesaid, called the Sealer's room. That, when the said Lord Chancellor holds his court in the Old Hall in *Lincoln's Inn* in the county of *Middlesex*, this deponent carries on his business and performs his duties as such Deputy Sealer as aforesaid, during the hours aforesaid, in a room adjoining the Old Hall aforesaid, called the Sealer's room. That, when the said Lord Chancellor does not sit judicially in the House of Lords or in *Westminster Hall*, or in the said Old Hall, *Lincoln's Inn*, this deponent attends daily at the Great Seal Patent Office in *Quality Court, Chancery Lane*, in the county of *Middlesex*, for the purpose of his business and duties aforesaid. That the said house in which the plaintiff dwelt at the time of the commencement of this action, and the said room adjoining the Lord Chancellor's Court in *Westminster Hall* aforesaid, called the Sealer's room, and also the said rooms in the House of Lords, and adjoining the Old Hall in *Lincoln's Inn* aforesaid, and the said Great Seal Patent Office, were, and each of them was at the time this action was brought and still is, within the jurisdiction of the *Westminster County Court of Middlesex*." The affidavit also stated that the plaintiff was not, as deponent believed, nor was deponent, an officer of the said *Westminster Court*, or of any other County Court.

Keane grounded his motion on sects. 128, 129 of stat. 9 & 10 *Vict. c. 95.*, contending that the defendant had a place where he carried on business within the jurisdiction of the *Westminster County Court*, within which the cause of action arose, and that the action ought to have been brought there, though the defendant

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CHARD *against* FOX.

It is sufficient notice of dishonour to the indorser of a note if a person acting for the holder informs him that the note has been presented and dishonoured, though he does not add that the indorser will be looked to for payment, and though, at the time of such notice, he enquires of the indorser where the maker resides.

ASSUMPSIT by indorsee against indorser of a promissory note.

Plea, among others, that defendant had not due notice of the non-payment of the said promissory note as in the declaration alleged: conclusion to the country. Issue thereon.

On the trial, before Lord *Denman* C. J., at the sittings in *Middlesex* after last *Trinity* term, it appeared that an alleged presentment to the maker had been made by leaving a memorandum at a house where the maker, who was the defendant's son, had resided, but which was no longer occupied; and, the note not being paid, notice was given to the defendant by a person named *Barber*, an agent of the holder. *Barber*, who was a witness for the plaintiff, stated that, on the day after the note became due, he called on the defendant and "gave him notice of dishonour." On cross-examination, *Barber* admitted that he had not asked for payment, but had said only "that the note had been presented and dishonoured." It appeared also that he had at the same time made enquiry as to the residence of the maker. The defendant's counsel objected that the notice of dishonour was not properly proved; but the case was allowed to proceed; and the Lord Chief Justice left it to the jury on a question as to a supposed alteration in the note. Verdict for plaintiff.

Gurney now moved for a new trial. The notice was insufficient. A notice of dishonour "should at least inform the party to whom it is addressed, either in express terms or by necessary implication, that the bill has been dishonoured, and that the holder looks to him for payment;" *Solarte v. Palmer* (a). Here the defendant was not told that the holder looked to him for payment, but was rather led to suppose the contrary, by the enquiry after the maker. [*Erle* J. The word "dishonoured" has been considered as nomen artis, and embracing all the requisites. *Coleridge* J. In Mr. Serjt. *Byles's Treatise* (b) it is stated that "an announcement of the dishonour will (at least, if it come from the holder,) amount to a sufficient intimation to the indorser, that he is held liable."] In *East v. Smith* (c) *Coleridge* J. held it essential, in a notice of dishonour, to inform the party served that the party giving it looks to him for payment. (*Gurney* also referred to *Armstrong v. Christiani* (d). *Wightman* J. mentioned *Phillips v. Gould* (e).)

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COLERIDGE J. There will be no rule on this point. The disposition of the Courts has not been to extend the doctrine acted upon in *Solarte v. Palmer* (a). And I think that the notice here was sufficient. An authorised agent of the holder goes to the defendant, the

(a) 7 Bing. 530.; S. C. 1 Cro. & J. 417., 1 Tyr. 371. Judgment (of Exch. Ch.) affirmed in Dom. Proc., *Solarte v. Palmer*, 8 Bligh. N. S. 374.; S. C. 1 New Ca. 194.

As to the latter part of the above dictum, see *King v. Bickley*, 2 Q. B. 419.

(b) *Byles on Bills of Exchange*, 213, 6th edition.

(c) 4 Dowl. & L. 744.

(d) 5 Com. B. 687.

(e) 8 Car. & P. 355.

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indorser of the note, and enquires after the maker. If the holder had not meant to claim against the defendant, the communication would have ended there: but the party goes on to state that the note has been presented and dishonoured. The effect of such a notice is not varied, because the person who gives it enquires also after the residence of the maker.

WIGHTMAN and ERLE Js. concurred.

Rule, on this point, refused (*a*).

(*a*) A rule nisi was granted on a question as to the sufficiency of the presentment.

Monday,
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FREEMAN *against* STEGGALL.

A party who has been called upon in the ordinary form (*Reg. Gen. Hil. 4 W. 4. § 20., and Form A.*) to admit a document before trial, and has done so, cannot, at the trial, object to such document on the ground that it has an interlineation not accounted for by evidence, unless it appear that the interlineation was made after the admission.

COVENANT on a deed of transfer of a mortgage.
Plea: Non est factum.

On the trial, before *Wilde C. J.*, at the last summer assizes for *Suffolk*, the deed, when produced, was found to have a material interlineation. It was in a different handwriting from the deed; and the plaintiff could produce no evidence to account for the alteration. Notice to admit the deed had been given under *Reg. Gen. Hil. 4 W. 4. (a)*, and admission made accordingly; and it did not appear on the trial, or on the after-mentioned motion, that the notice, or admission, was in any but the usual form (*a*). A verdict was found for the plaintiff, leave being reserved to move to enter a nonsuit.

(*a*) *Reg. Gen. Hil. 4 W. 4. 20., and Form. A. 5 B. & Ad. xvii—xix.*

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would have been called to it at the trial. And, supposing the admission to have been in the common form, I think the present objection was waived. The object of an admission under the rule of Court is to dispense with the attesting witness. The party called upon to admit sees the document, and does so for the purpose of ascertaining whether there is any ground of objection to it. If he perceives an interlineation, either he objects then, or it must be taken that he dishonestly declines to do so: for, in the absence of objection, his opponent will not bring the attesting witness. Therefore, if the objection be not made, it must be taken as waived.

WIGHTMAN J. I am of the same opinion. A party making an admission under the Rule of Court must be taken to admit that the document which he sees was “written, signed” and “executed” as it purports to be. If this were not so, the inconvenience would arise which has been pointed out by my brother *Coleridge*.

ERLE J. concurred.

Rule refused.

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defendant did not purchase of the plaintiff, and that third persons intervened between them. The plaintiff, however, being the registered owner, was called upon to transfer to the defendant, and did so, by a deed regularly executed.

It was then the duty of the defendant to have procured that deed to be registered, which appears, as well by the custom and usual course of dealing, as by the decision of Vice-Chancellor *Knight Bruce* in *Smith v. Price (a)*, cited by Mr. *Martin*. The defendant did not procure the transfer to be registered, and sold the shares to some other party; and the plaintiff still remained the registered owner. Afterwards calls were made; and the plaintiff was called upon to pay, and did pay them, after giving notice to the defendant and requiring him to pay.

The statute 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 16. s. 15.* provides that, until the transfer deed is registered, the transferor shall be liable for calls, and shall receive all profits, and that the transferee shall not be entitled to any profits, or to vote in the affairs of the company.

Now the count for money paid proceeds on one of two suppositions: either that the plaintiff has paid the money for the defendant at his request; or that he has been compelled to pay money for which the defendant was liable to the person receiving it, as in the case of a surety paying the debt of his principal, and similar cases. Here there is no ground for saying that the defendant directly or indirectly requested the plaintiff to pay the money. Neither is there any ground for saying that the defendant was liable to any one for the

(a) The case referred to appears to be *Wynne v. Price*, 3 *De G. & Sm.* 310.

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Margaret Doland, in her examination before the removing justices, which the case set forth, deposed: "I am about sixteen and a half years of age, and am the daughter of *Dennis* and *Sarah Doland*, both *Irish* people. About five months ago my said father went away from *Derby*, leaving myself and my brother *Joseph Doland*, aged eight years, and my sister, *Sarah Doland*, aged six years, in a house which my father had then for some time past been occupying in the *Shakspeare Yard, Bold Lane, Derby*. In consequence of our father having thus deserted us, I and my said brother and sister were taken into the *Derby* Union workhouse, where we have been maintained from that time until the present. I remember the respective births of my said brother and sister: they were both born in a house in *Shammel's Croft* in the town of *Sheffield*, where our parents lived for about five years, namely about three years before and two years after my said sister's birth. It is about four years since my parents came to *Derby*. For the first two months we resided in *Walker Lane*, and then about a year and a half in *St. Helen's Walk*, when my father removed to the house mentioned, in the *Shakspeare Yard*, my mother having died whilst we resided in *St. Helen's Walk*. I lived with my parents until my mother's death, from the time of my earliest recollection, and with my father until he deserted us." By another deposition it appeared that the house in *Shakspeare Yard* was in the parish of *All Saints*, and within the *Derby* Union.

The first ground of appeal related to supposed defects in the heading and jurat of the examinations, and is not material.

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order, leaving them chargeable to the respondent parish: and that he had not since been heard of at *Derby*."

The Sessions quashed the order on the first ground of appeal, subject to the opinion of this Court.

The appellants insisted, under the second and third grounds of appeal, that the paupers ought to have been removed to *Ireland* under the provisions of stat. 8 & 9 *Vict.* c. 117. s. 2.: or, if not so removeable, that they were not removeable under the circumstances above mentioned to the place of their birth at *Sheffield*. The Sessions gave leave to the appellants to include these grounds of objection in the case.

If the Court of Queen's Bench should be of opinion that all the objections so taken by the appellants ought to have been overruled, the order of sessions was to be quashed and the order of removal confirmed. If the Court should think the objections or any of them fatal, the order of removal was to stand quashed and the order of sessions to be confirmed.

Pashley (a), in support of the order of Sessions. When the children under the age of sixteen became chargeable to *All Saints* by the relief given, the father also was chargeable, according to stat. 4 & 5 *W.* 4. c. 76. s. 56.; and he was removeable to *Ireland* under stat. 8 & 9 *Vict.* c. 117. s. 2., which supplies defects that had existed in the former law (b), and enacts that, if a person "born in *Scotland* or *Ireland*," &c., and "not settled in *England*, become chargeable to any parish in *England* by

(a) The argument was begun on *November* 10th, and continued, and judgment given, on *November* 14th.

(b) *Pashley* referred to stat. 17 *G.* 2. c. 5. ss. 7—14., stat. 59 *G.* 3. c. 12. s. 33., and stat. 3 & 4 *W.* 4. c. 40.

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Ireland are enabled to appeal against a removal from this country. The words of stat. 10 & 11 *Vict. c. 33. s. 1.* go farther than those of the prior statute; for it is enacted there that the parish officer may carry before a justice, with a view to removal, “every poor person who shall become chargeable to any parish in *England*, and who he may have reason to believe is liable to be removed from *England* under” the recited act, 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 117.* Under the former law, if the head of the family was *Irish* or *Scotch*, it was considered improper to remove the family to a place in *England.* *Holroyd J.* said, in *Rex v. Leeds (a)*: “By the act” (59 *G. 3. c. 12. s. 33.*), “if the husband becomes chargeable by himself, or his family, he may be removed; and it seems to me, that it is altogether immaterial, provided the head of the family be born in *Scotland*, whether the children be born in *England* or not.” The judgment of the Court in *Rex v. Mile End, Old Town (b)*, supports that doctrine. *Rex v. Great Clacton (c)* furnishes no authority for removing to a place in *England*, unless perhaps where the child, born in *England*, has no longer a parent living. *Regina v. Preston (d)*, where the removal to a birth settlement in *England* was confirmed, was the case of an emancipated child. It has long been held that, if the husband is absent (unless in such a case as *Regina v. Stogumber (e)*), the wife and children may be removed to his place of settlement. In *Regina v. Pott Shrigley (g)* a married woman who had resided in a parish more than five years was yet held not to be irremovable by stat.

(a) 4 *B. & Ald.* 498. 502.

(c) 3 *B. & Ald.* 410.

(e) 9 *A. & E.* 622.

(b) 4 *A. & E.* 196.

(d) 12 *A. & E.* 822.

(g) 12 *Q. B.* 143.

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settlement fluctuate as he goes and returns?] They have a birth settlement in *England* by the former law; and they cannot be removed under the conditions of the late act if the father cannot be found. And, further, supposing that their birth settlement did not avail, the process for removing them cannot be enforced. Before they can be removed as part of his family, he must be summoned, under stat. 8 & 9 *Vict.* c. 117. s. 2. That is a condition precedent, and cannot be fulfilled here. It is conceded on the other side that, if the father were dead, the children might be removed to the birth settlement: if so, they may be removed to it in the present case. *Rex v. Great Clacton* (a) decides this point. It is asked, what would be the consequence if the children were removed to *Sheffield* and the father afterwards returned. But he might then be summoned under the statute, and the whole family removed to *Ireland*. It does not follow that, in the mean time, the children are not to be maintained by *Sheffield*. The present order would not operate as an estoppel to an application for removal after summons: for the settlement of the children, however established by the order, could not interfere with the statutory proceeding. *Rex v. Mile End, Old Town* (b), was decided under stat. 3 & 4 *W.* 4. c. 40. s. 2.: it was held that the chargeability of the pauper, she not having been emancipated (inasmuch as stat. 4 & 5 *W.* 4. c. 76. s. 56. was inapplicable), made her father chargeable, and that she must be removed with him to *Ireland* as part of his family, under the statute. But suppose, after she had been removed to *Ireland*

(a) 3 *B. & Ald.* 410.

(b) 4 *A. & E.* 196.

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the parish of the husband: and this argument is applicable to the present case. That the retaining of a settlement by the children is not affected by the statutes authorizing the removal of the father to *Ireland*, appears from *Rex v. Benett* (a) and *Regina v. Preston* (b).

COLERIDGE J. This case has been very fully argued, and rightly so; for it is one of much importance. We are to determine the proper interpretation to be put upon the provisions of stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 117. s. 2*. It seems to me that the rule for quashing the order of sessions must be made absolute. The two paupers are legitimate children born in a known parish in *England*. The father and mother are both *Irish*; and neither has any settlement in *England*: the mother is dead: the father has deserted the children. The last circumstance must be considered as working, by the wrongful act of the father, an entire separation for the time being: it is not as if he had merely gone to another parish which was known or might be ascertained; for that would not justify calling the case one of absolute desertion, which is what the sessions have found. Now *Rex v. Cottingham* (c), decided while the law was regulated by stat. 59 *G. 3. c. 12. s. 33.*, had established that, in the case of desertion of his family by an *Irishman*, the *English* settlement of the members of his family must be inquired into. The mother here is dead: were that not so, her maiden settlement must have been inquired into, according to *Rex v. Cottingham* (c). Then comes the question, had these children any settlement at all? It is an established principle that every

(a) 2 *B. & Ad.* 712.

(b) 12 *A. & E.* 822.

(c) 7 *B. & C.* 615.

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the warrant issues "to remove such person." Now those provisions, if the person do not appear, cannot be complied with: and that seems to dispose of the case at once. Many suggestions have been made as to the difficulty of dealing with the case supposing the parent to be found: after what I have said, I need not answer these. But, as at present advised, I see no difficulty. It is suggested that, after the children have been removed to their birth settlement, and the father has become chargeable in respect of relief given to them, they must, if the father be found while they are unemancipated, still be removed with him. As at present advised, I do not see why that should not be. We decide now only on the removal to the birth settlement under the present circumstances: but, subject to discussion, I think the consequence suggested would amount only to this: that it would become necessary to remove the children from their place of settlement to a place where they were not settled: and this, I think, does not destroy the liability to removal now. However, all that we have now to determine is, whether the magistrates were justified in quashing this order of removal: and I think they were not; and that their order must be quashed.

WIGHTMAN J. I am entirely of the same opinion. Mr. *Pashley* appears to contend that, unless the children can be removed under stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 117. s. 2.*, they cannot be removed at all. As the case is stated, we must take it that the father is *Irish*, and has no settlement in *England*, and has deserted his children; and that neither they nor the mother had any acquired settlement; that the children have only their prim/

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upon him must be shewn, so that the
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think the children are not removable to
settlement as long as they are removable to
their father: but, when the personal removal
of the father is destroyed, as by his death, the
settlement takes effect as to the children. There
is a contingent settlement, when children of an
absent father are born in *England*. Then the question
whether a desertion by the father is a case in
which a settlement of that kind attaches. I agree
that desertion, which is a term well known in cases
of the poor law, must be taken to be an absencing
without reasonable prospect of return. The difficulty
presented upon my mind, how the case would stand if he
were absent only, for instance, four months, and in the
meanwhile the birth parish were fixed with the settle-
ment. There might be considerable inconvenience.
But I should adopt the answer which has been given.
There could be no objection, in that case, to shewing by
evidence that the only settlement which the birth parish
had admitted was the contingent settlement.

Order of Sessions quashed.

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the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of *Tywardreath* aforesaid, in the said county of *Cornwall*, unto us, whose names are hereunto set and seals affixed, being two of Her Majesty's justices of the peace in and for the said county of *Cornwall*, and one of us of the quorum" &c. The order then directed the removal of the three paupers, being actually chargeable &c., to *Crowan*, adjudging their lawful settlement to be there. "Given under our hands and seals the 8th day of *July* A. D. 1845.

"*C. B. Graves Sawle.* (L. S.)

"*Charles Lynes.* (L. S.)"

On this was indorsed the following order.

"County of *Cornwall*. Whereas it appears unto us, *Charles Brune Graves Sawle*, Esquire, and *Charles Lynes*, clerk, the justices within mentioned, that the within named *John Symonds* and *Ann* his daughter are at present unable to travel" &c.; suspending the execution of the order. "Given under our hands and seals this 8th day of *July* 1845.

"*C. B. Graves Sawle.* (L. S.)

"*Charles Lynes.* (L. S.)"

The two orders which were brought up by certiorari were also indorsed, and were as follows.

"Whereas it duly appears unto us, *John Hearle Tremayne* and *Charles Brune Graves Sawle*, Esquires, two of Her Majesty's justices of the peace for the said county of *Cornwall*, that the above named *Ann*, the daughter of the said *John Symonds*, is dead, and that the said *John Symonds* is wholly recovered from the sickness" &c., "and that he may therefore now be conveyed from the within mentioned parish of *Ty-*

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drawing up” of the orders, such as is pointed out in sect. 7 of stat. 12 & 13 *Vict. c. 45.*, which enacts “that no objection on account of any omission or mistake in any such order or judgment brought up upon a return to a writ of certiorari shall be allowed unless such omission or mistake shall have been specified in the rule for issuing such certiorari.” The statute, it is true, received the Royal assent only on 28th *July* 1849: and the rule nisi to quash the orders on certiorari was obtained in *November* 1848 (*a*); and the rule for issuing the certiorari was of course earlier. But statutes which regulate procedure apply to proceedings pending at the time when the statute passes. [*Coleridge J.* The result of your argument would be that every rule, made before the statute came into operation, and pending after, would be quashed.] Mere formal objections would be put an end to. [*Coleridge J.* The words are “any omission or mistake.”] The recital in sect. 7 shews that the omissions and mistakes pointed at are those which are the subject of “exceptions or objections to the form of the order or judgment, irrespective of the truth and merits of the matters in question.” [*M. Smith.* By sect. 20 the act is to “come into operation” on 1st *November* 1849.] The question is, what the “operation” is to be. The legislature merely defines the time at which the Court is to act on the statute, naming the last day of the long vacation. Bills of costs incurred before stat. 6 & 7 *Vict. c. 73. s. 37.* are taxable under that statute, though not taxable at all before; *In re Eyre*(*b*). The exclusion of oral acknowledgments, under sect. 1 of the Limitations

(*a*) *Pashley* pointed out that a similar provision in stat. 11 & 12 *Vict. c. 31. s. 6.* applied only to orders of removal.

(*b*) 2 *Phillips's Rep.* 367.

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the body of the instrument; and there an objection much like the present, in support of which *Baker v. Bacon* (a) was cited, must have been overruled, as appears from the note. In *Regina v. Silkstone* (b) this Court, to support an order of removal, construed the words “I” and “me” to refer to each of two justices who signed it. That the indorsed orders may be explained by the original order appears from *Regina v. Ashburton* (c), which is to a certain extent supported by *Regina v. Stainforth* (d). In the last mentioned case, the doctrine of looking for evidence beyond the instrument itself was upheld: and it will apply very strongly here, where the indorsed orders are mere appendages to the original order. [*Erle J.* referred to *Regina v. Totness* (e).] The case ordinarily cited against this mode of interpretation is *Regina v. Shipston upon Stour* (g): but the authority of that case is much impaired by the decision in *Regina v. Ashburton* (c). “That construction which supports, and not that which destroys the instrument, may fairly be adopted;” per *Holroyd J.*, in *Rex v. St. Mary’s, Leicester* (h), where the words “said county” were interpreted by the margin of the order. That case and dictum were relied upon by *Taunton J.* in *Rex v. Countesthorpe* (i). [*Cole-ridge J.* We have no marginal words in the orders now in dispute: you endeavour to explain them by the venue of an order made, long before, by magistrates of whom one only makes the last two orders.] If these orders are to be construed like original orders of re-

(a) *Moore*, 754.

(c) 8 *Q. B.* 871.

(e) 11 *Q. B.* 80.

(h) 1 *B. & Ald.* 327. 331.

(b) 2 *Q. B.* 520.

(d) 11 *Q. B.* 66.

(g) 6 *Q. B.* 119.

(i) 2 *B. & Ad.* 487.

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considered as annexed to these orders, it would not aid. There was a venue in *Regina v. Stockton* (a); but it was held nevertheless that the order did not shew all to have been done in the place named. That case is conclusive against the orders here: and *Regina v. Newton Ferrers* (b) also shews that it must strictly appear that the persons who act are acting in the place where they have jurisdiction.

COLERIDGE J. The rule must be made absolute on the objection to the orders. We intimated, in the early part of the argument, that we thought stat. 12 & 13 Vict. c. 45. s. 7. could not apply to these proceedings.

WIGHTMAN and ERLE Js. concurred.

Rule absolute.

(a) 7 Q. B. 520.

(b) 9 Q. B. 32.

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whereby two roads, respectively called *The Public Road* and *The Lutton Road*, were ordered to be divided transversely, and the expenses of repairing the divided parts of the same to be defrayed respectively in each case by the parts of the parish of *Gedney* called *Gedney* and *Gedney Fen*, the Sessions confirmed the order, subject to the opinion of this Court upon a case.

It appeared by the case that the parish of *Gedney*

particularly describing the same by metes, bounds, and admeasurements thereof,) may issue their summons, with a copy of such writing and plan thereunto annexed, to the surveyor of such other parish, to appear before them on a day mentioned in such summons; and if the parties appear such justices may then proceed finally to decide the matter in manner herein mentioned, in case all the parties shall consent thereto;” power is then given, if the surveyor shall not appear, or, appearing, require further time, to adjourn the case to a future day: “On which day the said justices shall proceed to hear the parties and their witnesses, and, whether the party summoned does or does not appear, shall proceed to examine and finally determine the matter in form following; (that is to say,) that it shall and may be lawful for such justices and they are hereby required to divide the whole of such common highway, by a transverse line crossing such highway, into equal parts, or into such unequal parts and proportions as, in consideration” of all the circumstances, they in their discretion shall think right; “and to declare, adjudge, and order that the whole of such highway on both sides thereof, in any of such parts, shall be maintained and repaired by one of such parishes, and that the whole thereof on both sides, in the other of such parts, shall be maintained and repaired by the other of such parishes:” and the justices shall cause their order, and a plan &c., to be “filed with the clerk of the peace of the county in which such highway shall happen to lie, and shall also cause such posts, stones, or other boundaries to be placed and set up in such highway as in their judgment shall be necessary for ascertaining the division and allotment thereof: Provided nevertheless, that in the case of any such last mentioned highway, the repair of any part of which belongs to any body politic or corporate, or to any person, by the reason of tenure of any lands, or otherwise howsoever, the same proceedings may be adopted, but the said body politic or corporate, or person, or some one on their behalf, may appear before such justices, and object to such last mentioned proceedings, in which case the said justices shall, before they divide such highway as aforesaid, hear and consider the objection so made, and determine the same.”

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case. For the distance of 600 yards along *The Public Road* there were allotments on one side in respect of commonable messuages &c. in *Gedney*, and on the other side in respect of such messuages &c. in *Gedney Fen*: and for 1198 yards along *The Lutton Road* there was the like distribution of allotments in right of such messuages &c. in *Gedney* and *Gedney Fen* respectively. By a subsequent part of their award, in 1799 (the said open salt-marsh having then been embanked and allotted), the Commissioners declared and awarded that certain roads should be "deemed and taken to lie within and be part of the said parish of *Gedney* and hamlet of *Gedney Fen* in the proportions following viz.: so much of the said *Public Road* in the old embanked marsh from the west side," &c. "as far as an allotment" &c. (describing termini), "shall hereafter be kept in repair at the joint expense in equal portions by the said parish and hamlet; and so much of the road called *The Lutton Road* in the old embanked marsh aforesaid, from the aforesaid allotment" &c. "as far as an allotment" &c., "shall hereafter be kept in repair at the joint expense in equal portions by the said parish and hamlet." The portions of the two roads thus described are the subject of the before mentioned order of justices.

No repairs were ever done by *Gedney* or *Gedney Fen* to *The Public Road*, nor to *The Lutton Road* till 1814 but, from that year till the making of the agreement after mentioned, they contributed equally to the maintenance of the latter road. On 29th July 1825, surveyors of highways of *Gedney* and *Gedney Fen* together, and agreed in writing to divide the road question by a transverse line, and that *The I*

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set up &c., and the highways repaired from time to time by the parish and hamlet respectively; according to the form No. 14. of the same schedule.

The respondents, on the trial of the appeal, proved that, before the inclosure, *The Old Common* was not rated to any parochial rates: that the allotments on *The Lutton Road* and *The Public Road*, in respect of messuages &c. in that part of the parish of *Gedney* called *Gedney*, were, and since the inclosure had been, assessed to, and had paid, all the poor-rates, land-tax, and highway rates of *Gedney*: and the like proof was given, mutatis mutandis, as to the allotments in respect of messuages &c. in *Gedney Fen*. The appellant proved a decree of the Court of Exchequer, 30 Ch. II., by which, after certain disputes, *The Old Marsh* (being part of a more extensive marsh district) was allotted to be for ever held and enjoyed by the freeholders, copyholders and commonable inhabitants in *Gedney* parish, their heirs and assigns, for a common of pasture; and that the said freeholders &c. throughout the whole parish, as well in *Gedney Fen* as in *Gedney*, enjoyed equal commonable rights over the said *Old Common* previously to the enclosure.

The case concluded as follows:

On the part of the appellant it was on the trial of the appeal admitted that the order itself was correct in form, provided the magistrates had authority to make it under the circumstances: but it was contended, and it is now alleged, that neither side of the said road so set out as aforesaid by the said Inclosure Commissioners upon the said *Old Common* otherwise *The Common Marsh*, and called by them *The Public Road*, nor either side of the said road so set out, &c. (*The Lutton*

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clusive; *Rex v. Ronton Abbey* (a). This Court will not look at any question which the case does not expressly raise; *Regina v. Hartpury* (b). [Coleridge J. If the right to make the order depends upon the question whether a certain part of *The Old Common* is in *Gedney* or *Gedney Fen*, is not that the very question which the Sessions put to us?] The facts they state do not disprove the existence of a boundary in the required position. There may be insulated portions of parishes, as there are of counties. (The further argument on the facts is omitted.) But, secondly, whether a boundary passes through these roads or not, the justices had jurisdiction by the proviso of sect. 58, which authorizes an apportionment in the case of any highway, the repair of any part of which belongs to any body politic or corporate, or person, by tenure of lands or otherwise howsoever. [Coleridge J. That does not interfere with the previous enactment as to boundary, but only provides for the case where the boundary is not between parishes, but between a parish on one side and a body corporate or an individual on the other.] It applies to all cases of divided liability, as did stat. 34 G. 3. c. 64. s. 5., now repealed. The intention, in stat. 5 & 6 W. 4. c. 50. s. 58., was to embody the principal enactments of that statute.

Whitehurst, contra. The justices have power to divide the highway if there be a boundary line upon it; not otherwise, either by the principal enactments or by the proviso. Sect. 5 of stat. 34 G. 3. c. 64. cannot aid the respondents, if it be not expressly reenacted.

(a) 2 T. R. 207.

(b) 8 Q. B. 566.

The roads in question here may be extraparochial: they are not found by the case to be in either *Gedney* or *Gedney Fen*. Had the Sessions expressly found either fact, their finding might have been conclusive: but they refer the matter to the Court. [*Coleridge J.* In *Regina v. Hickling (a)* the justices did not find as a fact that part of the highway was in either parish; but *Patteson J.* said: "The statute giving a form, I think their finding according to it may be taken to involve the proposition. Had the form been their own, and not a parliamentary one, I should have felt some difficulty." Here a statutory form is followed.] The Sessions have, in effect, left it to this Court to decide whether the road runs upon a boundary, and whether it is a road which can be divided under sect. 58. There is no express adjudication, as in *Rex v. Ronton Abbey (b)*. [*Wightman J.* *Regina v. Hickling (a)* was the case of an indictment upon an order unappealed against. Here an appeal has taken place, and the Sessions have enquired into all the facts; and then they put a question to us. If their confirmation of the order is an implied finding of all the facts necessary to give the two justices jurisdiction, I do not see what their question to this Court is. *Erle J.* I suppose they ask whether there be, in the opinion of the Court, any evidence on which the order can be sustained.] On the case stated there is no evidence to charge *Gedney Fen*. [*Coleridge J.* It may have been argued at the Sessions that the order was good under the clause, or else under the proviso: and they may have intended to ask us whether there is any evidence to support the adjudication under either.]

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(a) 7 Q. B. 880.

(b) 2 T. R. 207.

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In any point of view the evidence is insufficient. (He was then stopped by the Court. *Macaulay*, on the same side, was not heard.)

COLERIDGE J. (*a*). If all that the Sessions meant was to ask us whether there was any evidence by which the order could be supported under the enacting part of the statute, we all think there was none. To the jurisdiction under that enactment the existence of a boundary on the highway to be divided is a condition precedent. Here nothing is found by which that fact appears; but rather the contrary. (His Lordship then commented on the findings in the case.) Our doubt has been, whether the question was not altogether one of fact, on which we were not bound to decide. It seems to have been put at the Sessions, first, that, on the facts proved, there was such a boundary as is requisite to the jurisdiction under the direct enactment of sect. 58; and, secondly, that at all events the proviso applied, and, that being so, the boundary was not a condition precedent: and the Sessions may have intended to ask us whether, taking the case either way, a jurisdiction is established. Taking the question so, I think Mr. *Willmore* is wrong as to the effect of the proviso. Referring to the forms in the Schedule (*b*) of stat. 5 & 6 W. 4. c. 50., I find that the existence of a boundary is necessary in a case under the proviso as well as under the enacting part; only the litigating parties are different in the two cases. And it would be strange to say that, in the proviso, a parish was comprehended under the word "person"; yet that is the only word applicable. Another difficulty

(*a*) *Patteson* J. was absent.

(*b*) No. 12., No. 14.

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November 16th.

MARY FRANCES HOWLEY, Executrix of WILLIAM,
Archbishop of CANTERBURY, *against* HENRY
KNIGHT and ROBERT KNIGHT.

A bond given to the Ordinary by an administrator, under the Statute of Distributions (22 & 23 C. 2. c. 10.), passes, on the Ordinary's death, to his personal representative, and not to his successor.

DEBT on bond made by the defendants and one *John Young*, since deceased, to the testator, his executors &c.

The defendant *Robert Knight* cravedoyer of the bond, which was set out as follows.

“ Know all men by these presents that we, *John Young*, of” &c., “ *Henry Knight*, of” &c., “ and *Robert Knight*, of” &c., “ are become bound unto the most Reverend Father in God, *William*, by Divine Providence Lord Archbishop of *Canterbury*, Primate of all *England*, and Metropolitan, in the sum of 16,000*l.* of good” &c., “ to be paid to the said most Reverend Father in God, his certain attorney, executors, administrators or assigns; for which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and every of us, for the whole, our heirs, executors and administrators, firmly by these presents. Sealed” &c. “ Dated the 21st day of *January* A. D. 1833.”

He also cravedoyer of the condition, which was set out as follows.

“ The condition of this obligation is such that, if the above bounden *John Young*, the natural and lawful brother, next of kin, and administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits, of *James Young*, late of” &c., “ deceased, do make, or cause to be made,

a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased which have or shall come to the hands, possession or knowledge of him the said *John Young*, or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for him, and the same so made do exhibit or cause to be exhibited in the Registry of the Prerogative Court of *Canterbury* at or before the last day of *July* next ensuing, and the same goods, chattels and credits, and all other the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased, at the time of his death, which at any time after shall come to the hands or possession of the said *John Young*, or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him, do well and truly administer according to law, and further do make" &c., "or cause to be made, a true and just account of his said administration at or before the last day of *January* which shall be in A.D. 1834, and all the rest and residue of the said goods, chattels and credits which shall be found remaining upon the said administrator's account (the same being first examined and allowed of by the Judge or Judges for the time being of the said Court) shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons, respectively, as the said Judge or Judges, by his or their decree or sentence pursuant to the true intent and meaning of an act of parliament (a), intituled 'An Act for the better settling of intestates' estates,' shall limit and appoint; and, if it shall hereafter appear that any last will and testament was made by the said deceased, and the executor or executors therein named do exhibit the same in the said Court, making request to have it

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allowed and approved accordingly, if the said *John Young*, being thereunto required, do render and deliver the said letters of administration (approbation of such testament being first had and made) in the said Court, then this obligation to be void and of none effect; or else to remain in full force and virtue."

Defendant *Robert Knight* then pleaded: That the said writing obligatory in the declaration mentioned was a writing obligatory taken and made according to the statute &c. (22 & 23 C. 2. c. 10.), and in pursuance of that statute, upon the granting and committing administration by the said most Reverend Father in God in the declaration mentioned, by virtue of his archiepiscopal office and station therein also mentioned, after the 1st day of *June* A. D. 1671, to wit on &c., of the goods of one *James Young*, then dead intestate, to the said *John Young* in the declaration mentioned; and that the said writing obligatory was so made as in the declaration mentioned, by the defendants, as sureties in that behalf, according to the said statute, to the said most Reverend Father as the Ordinary in that behalf, according to the said statute. Verification.

Special demurrer, assigning grounds which, so far as is material to the decision, appear by the arguments. Joinder in demurrer.

Whitehurst, for the plaintiff(a). The plea offers no answer to the declaration. The declaration shews that the bond is given to the Archbishop and his executors: then, the condition appearing, upon oyer, to be for duly administering and accounting for the testator's goods,

(a) The argument commenced on *November* 13th in this term, before the same Judges.

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in the present form: the earliest which has been found is dated 1718. Although the statute does not prescribe the form, it should seem that the Ordinary must take it either simply to himself or to himself and his executors. In *Edwards v. Freeman* (a) Sir Joseph Jessel M. R. says: "The occasion of making the statute distribution, was to put an end to the long contest which had been betwixt the temporal and spiritual courts, for when the spiritual courts ordered any distribution, or bond to be given by the administrator for that purpose, the temporal courts sent a prohibition being of opinion, that the administrator had a right to all, and that the spiritual court could not break into that right; and so this statute was made in favour of the practice of the spiritual court, which proceeded to order distribution as often as the common law courts did not prohibit them." An instance of such a prohibition occurred in *Hughes v. Hughes* (b). The rights of the Ordinary were no further altered by the statute. Now, the Ordinary being a corporation sole, not representing an aggregate of persons, his choses in action would pass to his executor and not to his successor; 2 *Blackst. Com.* 431., *Co. Lit.* 46. b. (c); a rule which prevails as to a corporation sole though the grant be expressly to the corporator and his successors, except where (as in the case of the Chamberlain of *London*) there is a special custom. The reason is that, in the case of a corporation sole, the right, if it went to the successor, would be suspended at the corporator's death, and, when once suspended, would not revive. The authorities are collected in the margin of *Fulwood's*

(a) 2 *P. Wms.* 435. 441.

(b) 1 *Lev.* 232.

(c) See also *Yearb. Pasch.* 20 *E. 4.* fol. 2 A. pl. 7.

Case (a). [*Coleridge J.* Is the rule applicable where the archbishop takes the grant *virtute officii*?] Suppose the Archbishop of *York* were translated, after taking such a bond: he would still be the person to sue: the bond here is given, not to the archbishop for the time being, but to *William, Archbishop &c.* [*Coleridge J.* A case is mentioned in 1 *Inst.* of land being given to "*George Bishop of Norwich*," where the bishop's name was *John*, and yet he is said to take by his title (*b*).] That was a mere case of *falsa demonstratio* as to the person meant. In *Arundel's Case (c)* it is laid down that "a succession in one person of chattels will not be presumed without special allegation, except in case of abbot or prior, or the like corporation known in law to rest in one person, as well for chattels as inheritances, for otherwise bishops, deans, parsons, vicars, and the like cannot take obligation to them and their successors, but they will go to the executors." The question, whether successor or executor shall take, is put in an *Anonymous (d)* case in *Dyer*, where opposite answers are given; but the right answer, as appears by the note there, is clearly that which agrees with the rule in *Arundel's Case (c)*, which is also assumed in *Bird v. Wilford (e)*. No inconvenience arises from the rule. The executor will sue as trustee. The practice is to apply to the Ecclesiastical Court, in the registry whereof the bond remains, to have it "attended with," on its being put in suit: and this is granted upon the obligee being indemnified. That was done in the present case.

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(a) 4 *Rep.* 64 b. 65 a.

(b) *Co. Lit.* 3. a.

(c) *Hob.* 64. 5th ed.

(d) 1 *Dyer*, 48. a. pl. (15).

(e) *Cro. Eliz.* 464. (bis). See *Graves v. Colby*, 9 *A. & E.* 356.

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Afterwards a bill is filed in Chancery to compel contribution. There are cases of other bonds given by bishops in the ecclesiastical courts; which, however, shew no more than that the bishop may take a bond to himself for the performance of a duty by an obligor, though not within stat. 21 *H.* 8. c. 5. s. 1. *Folkes v. Docminique* (a), *Bishop of Carlisle v. Wells* in which last case it was questioned whether the bishop, though he could take a bond to himself, could take a bond to himself and his commissary. From the time preceding the Statute of *Westminster the Second* the Ordinary has always been a trustee; and the statutes make no difference as to this; 2 *Inst.* 398. It is true that the Ordinary takes *virtute officii*: but that does not affect the devolution of the chose in action to his executor. If an advowson belongs to a prebendary in right of his prebend, and he dies after there is a vacancy and without presenting, his executor presents, not his successor; *Mirehouse v. Rennell* (b) [*Wightman J.* The prebendary there took a beneficial interest. *Coleridge J.* The vacancy was a fruit fall. *Wightman J.* Suppose the obligor has not accounted in the lifetime of the Ordinary who is obligee; can the succeeding Ordinary call the obligor to account under sect. 3 of stat. 22 & 23 *C.* 2. c. 10.?] That may be doubted: but the question here is as to the right to the bond. A bail bond taken by the sheriff under stat. 23 *H.* 6. c. 10. s. 1. does not pass to his successor: and the remedy upon it was only by action in the name

(a) 2 *Str.* 1137.

(b) 2 *Lev.* 162.

(c) 8 *Bing.* 490., in *Dom. Proc.* affirming the judgment of K. B. *Rennell v. Bishop of Lincoln*, 7 *B. & C.* 113., which reversed that C. P. in *Rennell v. Bishop of Lincoln*, 3 *Bing.* 223.

the sheriff or his executor, till stat. 4 *Ann. c. 16. s. 20.* *Queen's Bench.*
 enacted that the bond might be assigned to the plain-
 tiff(a). So the replevin bond, under stat. 11 *G. 2.*
c. 19. s. 23., does not pass to the successor of the
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Willes, contra. The plea raises the question whether a bond given under stat. 22 & 23 *C. 2. c. 10.* passes to the successor or the executor of a deceased Ordinary. It was not necessary that the plea should describe the bond more specially; *Lewis v. Parker (b)*. It is an incorrect statement of the law to say that the chattels of a corporation sole pass to executors and not to successors. The general rule is that a corporation sole, as such, cannot take chattels at all: but, where there is such power, they may be purchased to the corporation and successors; *Com. Dig. Capacity (A 2.)*. The Chamberlain of *London* has power to take by custom; the Ordinary by statute: in one case as well as the other the chattel goes to the successor, the corporation sole being thus placed in the predicament of a corporation aggregate. In *Co. Lit.* 8. b. it is said: "A chantry priest incorporate took a lease to him and his successors for a hundred years, and after took a release from the lessor to him and his successors; and it was adjudged, that by the release he had but an estate for life, for he had the lease in his natural capacity, for it could not go in succession, and (his successors) gave him no estate of

(a) See *Hange v. Manning, Fortesc. 364.*(b) 3 *M. & W.* 133.

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inheritance for want of these words (his heirs).” Therefore the question was as to his having the power to take at all in a corporate character, not whether, if he could so take, the chattels would go to his successor or his executor. And so it is explained in *Hargrave’s* note (1): “The reason is, because a chantry priest was a corporation sole, which regularly could not take in succession chattels real or personal, in possession or action, though a corporation aggregate may.” Then, after mentioning the right of the Chamberlain of *London* by custom, the annotator adds: “Also in some instances, particularly of chattels in action, the law is the same without a custom;” referring to 1 *Rol. Abr.* 515. *Corporations* (L), pl. 3, 5, and 6 *Vin. Abr.* 294. *Corporations* (L), in which latter book many authorities are collected. Among these is the case mentioned in placitum 6, from *Corven’s Case* (a), of the ornaments of the chapel of a bishop, which go to the successor. [*Coleridge* J. That may be on the principle that they belong to the chapel rather than the bishop, as the crown jewels go to the sovereign’s successor, according to placitum 9.] The crown jewels are heirlooms of the crown; and, in the case of the crown, the successor has the character of heir. But the ornaments of the chapel can hardly fall within the principle suggested: if they were appurtenant to the chapel they would go to the successor of course, and the case would not have been mentioned as a special one. The chattels of an abbot, belonging to him as such, go to his successor. [*Coleridge* J. Not, as I understand the authorities, to a successor properly so

(a) 12 *Rep.* 105. 106. Citing *Yearb. Mich.* 21 *E. 3.* fol. 48 B. pl. 73.

called. The abbot holds for his house ; and the house remains one identical body.] That shews that the Court are to ascertain in what character, and to what end, the corporation holds. In *Thomson's Entries* (Liber Placitandi), p. 134. tit. *Dett* (49), is a precedent of a declaration by the Chamberlain of *London* on a bond given to his predecessor ; and the averment of the custom is : “ quod quilibet Camerarius civitatis prædictæ pro tempore existens fuit et adhuc est unum corpus incorporatum per nomen Camerarii civitatis *London* ac per totum tempus prædictum habuit et adhuc habet successionem perpetuam ac fuit et adhuc est persona habilis et capax in re facto et nomine ad recipiendum et acceptandum infra eandem civitatem sibi et successoribus suis omnes obligationes quascunque,” &c. In *Termes de la Ley*, tit. *Corps politique*, the reason of this custom that obligations given to the Chamberlain of *London* go to the successor is thus given : “ Et tiel custome est foundue sur grand reason ; car les executors ou administrators del Chamberlain ne doient entermeddle ove tiels recognisances, obligations &c. queux per le dit custome sont prise en le corporate capacity del Chamberlain, et nemy en son private.” That applies to the bonds given to the Ordinary under the statute. In 1 *Kyd on Corporations*, 77, the author, after adverting to a distinction suggested by Lord *Coke*, as to the capacity of holding personalty in succession, between corporations by prescription and corporations by custom, says : “ But the reason does not seem to depend so much on the corporation being by prescription or by custom, as on his being a trustee or not, and taking for his own benefit,

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or for the benefit of another." The case of the College of Physicians (*a*) is thus stated in 1 *Williams Ex. 7* (4th ed.) Part II. B. iii. ch. 1. s. 2. "By the charter granted to the College of Physicians, and confirmed in Parliament, the offenders in practising physic in *London* without admission by the College of Physicians, shall forfeit 5*l.* for every month, *unum dimidium regi et alterum dimidium dicto presidenti et collegio*; this charter it was holden that if the President of the College recovers in debt against an offender and the successor shall have a scire facias to execute and not the executor; for the predecessor recover it as due to him and the College." The result of the principle is this: that a corporation sole can, in its capacity, take chattels only for the benefit of the public at large or of some limited body: and when it does so take, they go to the successor. The question therefore is, in what capacity the Ordinary takes this bond. Now he has capacity to do so, Ordinary, by stat. 22 & 23 C. 2. c. 10. [*Wightman* Could he not do so at common law?] That was a matter of dispute, as appears from the language of Sir *Joseph Jekyll*, cited on the other side. By sect. 1 of the statute, the Ordinary is to take the bond, from which the commissary is excluded (though before the statute it was otherwise): now the Ordinary, thus mentioned, is the corporation sole: this is therefore a case of capacitating a corporation sole to take the chattel. And sect. 3 provides that "the said Ordinaries" &c. may call the administrator to account: the Ordinary who holds the bond is therefore to be the

(a) *Dr. Atkins v. Gardener*, Cro. Jac. 159.

same authority which can call for the account: that is, the Ordinary for the time being. In *Archbishop of Canterbury v. House* (a) it was distinctly laid down by Lord *Mansfield* that the Ordinary, in his private person, has nothing to do with the bond. The course of proceeding is described by Sir *John Nicholl* in *Younge v. Skelton* (b). It appears from *The Archbishop of Canterbury v. Tubb* (c) that the Ecclesiastical Court keeps possession of the bond. The Ordinary has power, in the Ecclesiastical Court, to compel an account from the principal; but, in carrying out the power which the bond gives him over the sureties, he exercises a discretion in that Court, compelling them to pay only what may appear to be required by justice, but not enforcing the full legal remedy to the extent to which the principal is liable. *Murray v. M'Inerheny* (d) is an instance. This discretion will be taken out of the hands of the Ordinary, if the executor of the deceased Ordinary is to enforce the bond. As to the word "executors," in the obligatory part of the present bond, that will be rejected if, under the statute, the bond cannot pass to the executors; 16 *Vin. Abr.* 61. tit. *Obligation* (M) pl. 5 (e). [*Coleridge* J. That would be so, undoubtedly, just as "successors" would be rejected if it passed to the executors. But is it not a strong circumstance against you that the bond to the Archbishop appears to have been always made in this form?] During the vacancy of an archbishoprick, the Dean and Chapter of his diocese are guardians of the spiritualities, and the bond

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(a) 1 *Cowp.* 140.

(b) 3 *Hag. Ecc. Rep.* 780.

(c) 3 *New Ca.* 789.

(d) 1 *Curt. Ecc. R.* 576.

(e) Citing *Langdon v. Goole*, 3 *Lev.* 21.

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must be given to them ; *Jenkins*, 202, Cent. V. case 23
1 *Burn, Ecc. L.* 225. tit. Bishops : in that case it must
go in succession. In 2 *Wilde's Suppl. to Barton's Pre-*
cedents in Conveyancing, p. 73 (3d ed.), the bond is made
to the Ordinary, " his executors, administrators, succe=
sors, or assigns." [*Wightman J.* " Suppose the bond
were given to *William Howley*, and it appeared, by
proper averments in the plea, that it was a bond give=
to him as Ordinary under the statute?] Then the
effect would be the same as if he had been name=
Archbishop of *Canterbury*. The averment might
easily be so framed as to shew the fact ; as, where an
executor sues for rent due since the testator's death
on a lease by the testator, it ought to be shewn that
the testator had only a chattel interest ; 1 *William*
Ex. 695 (4th ed.) Part II. B. iii. ch. 1. s. 2. : though
according to *Bickerstaff v. Purdue* (a), that would be
supplied after verdict. The material part of a bond
is the obligatory part, not the solvendum ; *Shepp*
Touchst. 369., 16 *Vin. Abr.* 62. *Obligation* (N.) pl. :
3. [*Wightman J.* Suppose a bond were made to
corporation sole " and his successors," conditioned to
pay an annuity for ninety nine years : who would sue
after the corporator's death?] The executors ; be=
cause the corporator had no capacity to take as
corporation at all, and therefore it would be the case
of a bond to a common individual. It would be
new exercise of the jurisdiction of a Court of Equity
to compel the executors to sue on such a bond as they
for the purpose of effecting distribution. At law, the
executors might release the obligor.

(a) 1 *Sid.* 218.

Whitehurst, in reply, was stopped by the Court.

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COLERIDGE J. (a). Our judgment must be for the plaintiff. The question is, whether the personal representative, or the successor, of the deceased Ordinary is the proper party to sue on a bond given under stat. 22 & 23 C. 2. c. 10. It is admitted, as a general rule, that a corporation sole cannot take personal property to be held in succession. A bond given to a corporation sole and the successors would, if we knew no more of it, enure as a bond to the corporator and executors. The exceptions are all known, as in the case of the King, or under a custom. On the other hand, property given to a corporation aggregate does not go to executors, but is taken in succession. The principle, as laid down by *Blackstone*, in 2 *Com.* 431, seems to me reasonable. In the case of a corporation sole, the property would be in abeyance till the successor existed: the corporation aggregate always continues to be the identical grantee or purchaser. According to this, therefore, the executor would be the proper person to sue in the present case. But Mr. *Willes* argues that this is not the true principle, and that the rule rests on the incapacity of a corporation sole to hold personal property at all, in the corporate character, save in the excepted cases. Supposing him to be right, I do not see how his principle gets rid of the difficulty. He would have to shew that in the present case there has in fact been a statute determining the transmission to the successor instead of the executor. Does the statute here give a capacity to the corporation sole

(a) *Patteson* J. was absent.

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which would carry the property to the successor? The material part is very short; it merely enacts (22 & 23 C. 2. c. 10. s. 1.) “that all ordinaries,” specifying them, “shall and may upon their respective granting and committing of administration of the goods of persons dying intestate,” “take sufficient bonds,” &c., “in the name of the Ordinary,” “of the respective person or persons to whom any administration is to be committed.” Nothing is said about the successor. Is it necessary that the successor should take the bond? The answer is supplied by the practice of the Ecclesiastical Courts, under which the bond in the hands of the executor is completely effective. I do not attach much weight to the argument that the succeeding Ordinary has, by his Court, the controul over the bond. And the practice has in fact been always to give the bond, when the Archbishop is the acting Ordinary, to the Archbishop himself, his executors and assigns, as far as it can be traced: but, when the bond is given to the Dean and Chapter, then it is always given to them and their successors. Thus the distinction commonly laid down has always been acted upon. Has any inconvenience resulted? None appears; and it would be rather late if we were to discover one now. But why should there be any? Either way, the Judge whose Court has custody of the bond exercises the same jurisdiction; the plaintiff is a mere nominal party, the Ecclesiastical Court using, as its instrument, the personal representative or the successor. The burthen of the argument is undeniably thrown upon Mr. *Willes*; and he has been able to do no more than offer some very ingenious suggestions, and has found it impossible to produce any authority.

WIGHTMAN J. I am of the same opinion. A personal contract with a corporation sole, though made, not for his personal benefit, but for that of himself and his successors, would pass to his executors. Here the bond is made to a corporation sole. But it is said that a distinction arises from the circumstance that a bond given under the Statute of Distributions is to have a permanent effect, and not to be merely carried out in the time of the existing Ordinary; and therefore that, after his death, contrary to the ordinary rule, the right of action should pass to the successor, not to the executor, because of the great inconvenience that would arise in case of a conflict between the executor and the Court which desired to give effect to the bond. I confess I do not feel this difficulty; nor can I see why the ordinary rule should not prevail. The bond, when taken, will be subject to the ordinary rule: it is to be presumed that it will be put in suit; and here it is in fact put in suit, by the authority of the Ecclesiastical Court. I therefore see no reason for taking the case out of the ordinary rule of law.

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ERLE J. At the time when the Statute of Distributions passed, a bond in this form passed to the personal representative. The only question is, whether the statute has altered that. It is said that we must read the statute as if it directed the bond to be given to the Ordinary and his successors: but that can be done only by adding words which we do not find there, for the purpose of contradicting the ordinary rule. The bond therefore passes to the personal representative.

Judgment for plaintiff.

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ELEANOR WILSON, Widow, *against* Sir WILLIAM
EDEN, Baronet, and Others (a).

Testator *J.* devised lands to his wife for her life; remainder to his daughter and only child *E.* for her life;

THE Master of the Rolls sent the following case for the opinion of this Court (b).

Peter Johnson, late of the city of *York*, Esquire, by

remainder to her eldest son *R.* for his life; remainder to the first son of the body of *R.* and the heirs of the body of such first son; and, in default of such issue, to the second, third and every other son of the body of *R.*, severally and successively, with like remainders over: remainder, failing such issue of *R.*, to the second son of *E.* for his life, in case he should not become, or should not continue, seised of the real estates of *M. D.* deceased, under *M. D.*'s will, with like remainders over, subject to the same condition: remainder, failing such issue of the second son, to the third and every other son of *E.*, severally and successively, with like remainders over, subject to the same condition.

It was then declared by *J.*'s will that, if the said second son of *E.* or any son of the said *E.*, should at any time become seised of the real estates of *M. D.* by virtue or in consequence of his will, such son should not, nor should any heir of his body, take, have or enjoy any estate or interest in the now devised estates, so long as he should be so seised, but the same should go over to the next in succession of *E.*'s sons, and the heirs of his body, as if the son so seised of the estates of *M. D.* were dead without issue: but that, if such last-mentioned son should afterwards become disabled by any condition in the will of *M. D.* from continuing to hold his estates, then, as soon as he should have quitted possession thereof, he should and might have, hold and enjoy the now devised estates according to the above limitations. Then came the following clause.

Provided that, if my said daughter (*E.*) "shall have no issue male of her body living at her death, or no such issue male as shall be entitled by the true meaning of this my will to my real estates hereby limited and settled as aforesaid, then and in either of those cases I devise all my said real estates, subject respectively as aforesaid, to all the daughters, if more than one, of the body of my said daughter, who shall be living at her death, as tenants in common, and their heirs respectively, with cross remainders" in case of any one or more of them dying under the age of 21 without issue; "and, if there should be but one such daughter living at my said daughter's decease, and no issue of any other such daughter then in being, then to such only surviving daughter and her heirs." Then followed a provision for the case of daughters dying in *E.*'s life-time, leaving issue: and, in case *E.* should have no issue of her body living at her death, devise to such person and for such estate, as *E.* should by deed or will appoint. Devise, for want of such appointment, and subject thereto, and to the several limitations and charges of the will, to testator's right heirs. And all the

(a) For the rest of the parties, see p. 265., post.

(b) See *Wilson v. Eden*, 1 *Exch.* 772., where, on a case sent by Lord Langdale, Master of the Rolls, to the Court of Exchequer, that Court certified in favour of the defendants. The Master of the Rolls, upon further discussion (*Wilson v. Eden*, 11 *Beav.* 289.), desired to have the opinion of another Court: and this case was accordingly sent to the Queen's Bench.

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real estates whatsoever and wheresoever, which he had power to dispose of, to hold to her and her assigns, without impeachment of waste, and with like power to let leases not exceeding seven years in possession, and with such restrictions aforesaid.

And, as to his said manor of *Arkendale* and his estate and hereditaments whatsoever, situate at *Arkendale* and *Arkendale Lofthouse* and *Minskip* aforesaid, with all their appurtenances, the said testator devised the same from and immediately after the decease of his wife, and, as to all his other real estate whatsoever and wheresoever which he had power to dispose of, whether freehold or copyhold, from and immediately after the decease of his wife, the said testator devised the same respectively to his dear daughter and only surviving child *Dorothea*, the wife of Sir *John Eden*, Baronet, for her life, without impeachment of waste. And, from and after the determination of that estate, he devised all the same premises to his good friends Sir *Bellingham Graham*, of *Norton Conyers* in the county of *York*, Baronet, and *Henry Willoughby*, of *Birdsal*, in the same county, Esquire, and their heirs, during the life of his said daughter, upon trust to preserve the contingent uses and estates thereafter limited from being defeated, and with all necessary and usual powers for that purpose; but nevertheless to permit and suffer his said daughter to receive the rents and profits of all the same estates to her own use during her life.

And, from and after the decease of his said daughter, he devised all the same estates to his grandson *Robert Eden*, eldest son of his daughter, for his life, without impeachment of waste. And, from and after the determination of that estate, he devised the same to trustees

as before, for the life of *Robert Eden*, upon trust to preserve contingent uses. And, from and after the decease of the said *Robert Eden*, he devised the same to the first son of the body of the said *Robert* and the heirs of the body of such first son lawfully issuing: and, in default of such issue, to the second, third and every other son of the body of the same *Robert*, severally and respectively, and the heirs of the respective bodies of such second, third and every other son, the elder of such sons and the heirs of his body always to be preferred and to take before the younger of them and the heirs of their bodies respectively. And, in default of such issue, he devised all the same real estates and premises to his grandson *Morton John Eden*, second son of his said daughter, for his life, without impeachment of waste, in case he should not become, or should not continue, seised of the real estates of *Morton Davison*, late of *Beamish* in the county of *Durham*, Esquire, deceased, by virtue or in consequence of his will: and, from and after the determination of that estate, he devised &c.: as before, to support contingent uses. And, from and after the decease of the said *Morton John Eden*, he devised the same (upon the conditions aforesaid) to the first and every other son of the body of the said *Morton John Eden* severally and successively, and to the respective heirs of the bodies of such first and every other son lawfully issuing, the elder of such sons and the heirs of his body always to be preferred and to take before the younger of them and the heirs of their bodies respectively. And, for default of such issue, he devised the same real estates and premises, upon the like condition as aforesaid, to the third and every other son of his said daughter, be-

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gotten or to be begotten, severally and successively, and the heirs of the body and bodies of such third and every other son lawfully issuing, the elder of such unborn sons, and the heirs of his body, always to be preferred and take before the younger of them and the heirs of his or their bodies respectively.

And the said testator declared and provided that, the said *Morton John Eden*, or any son of his the testator's said daughter, should at any time during his life become seised of the real estates of the said *Morton Davison* by virtue or in consequence of his will, then the said *Morton John Eden*, or such son of the said testator's said daughter so becoming seised thereof, any heir of his body respectively, should not take, have or enjoy any estate or interest whatsoever in any of the said testator's real estates by virtue of his said will so long as he or they should be so seised of the real estates of the said *Morton Davison*, but the same should remain and go over, after the determination of the particular estates thereof thereby limited, to, and should be taken, held and enjoyed by, the next son in succession of the testator's said daughter, and the heirs of his body, in the same manner as if such son so seised of the real estates of the said *Morton Davison* was dead without issue. But, if it should happen that the said *Morton John Eden*, or any such son who could or might become seised of the said real estates of the said *Morton Davison*, should afterwards become disabled by any condition or proviso in his will from continuing to hold and enjoy the same, then, and as soon as the said *Morton John Eden*, or any such son of the said testator's said daughter, should have quitted the possession and should be no longer in the receipt of the rents and

profits, of the real estates of the said *Morton Davison* in conformity to any such condition or proviso in his will, the said *Morton John Eden* and the heirs of his body, or any such son of the said testator's daughter so circumstanced, and the heirs of his body, should and might have, hold and enjoy all the said testator's real estates thereby intended to be limited and settled as aforesaid, and according to the limitations thereof thereinbefore contained.

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And then the will of the said testator contained certain provisos and limitations which are in the words and figures following: that is to say:

“ Provided always, that, if it shall happen that my said daughter shall have no issue male of her body living at her death, or no such issue male as shall be entitled by the true meaning of this my will to my real estates hereby limited and settled as aforesaid, then and in either of those cases I devise all my said real estates, subject respectively as aforesaid, to all the daughters, if more than one, of the body of my said daughter, who shall be living at her death, as tenants in common, and their heirs respectively, with cross remainders amongst them in case of any one or more of them happening to die under the age of one and twenty years and without issue: and, if there should be but one such daughter living at my said daughter's decease, and no issue of any other such daughter then in being, then to such only surviving daughter and her heirs. . Provided always, that, if any such daughter or daughters of my said daughter shall happen to die in her or their said mother's lifetime leaving issue, then my will is that such issue of each such daughter so dying, and the heirs of such issue respectively, shall have and take the same

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estates, or share or shares of estates, as the parent or parents of such issue respectively would have been entitled to if she or they had been living at the decease of my said daughter. And, in case my said daughter should have no issue of her body living at her death, then I devise all such my real estates, from and after the determination of the particular estates hereinbefore thereof limited as aforesaid, to such person or persons, and for such estate and estates either in fee simple or otherwise, and in such manner, as my said daughter, whether married or sole, shall by any deed or deeds executed in the presence of two credible witnesses, or by her last will and testament in writing, or any writing in the nature of a will, signed in the presence of three such witnesses, direct or appoint. And, for want of any such appointment, and subject thereto, and to the several limitations and charges in this my will, I leave all such real estates to descend to my own right heirs."

And all the residue of his estate real and personal not therein before disposed of, or not fully and effectually disposed of, the said testator gave to his said dear wife.

The testator made several codicils to his said will (*a*),

(*a*) The following bequest, in a codicil, dated 1st *February* 1779, to the will of *Peter Johnson*, was not set out in the case, but was noticed in argument for the plaintiff as shewing the view which the testator himself took of the effect of the proviso.

" And I also give to my dear wife for her life, and at her death to my grandson *Robert Eden*, the large gilt cup and cover presented to me by the Corporation of *York*, which I desire may be preserved in the *Eden* family and go to the heir male of that family being descended from my daughters for the time being ; and on failure of such heir male to go to my granddaughters successively, according to seniority of age, and their issue respectively, as long as the law will permit."

but did not thereby alter the limitations of the real estates contained in his will above set forth; and died in the year 1796, without having revoked or altered any of the aforesaid limitations.

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Dorothea Johnson, the wife of the testator *Peter Johnson*, entered into the possession of the said estates so devised to her as aforesaid for her life, or into the receipts of the rents and profits thereof, and continued in such possession or receipt until her death, which took place in 1810.

Lady Eden, the only child of the testator *Peter Johnson*, died in his lifetime, in *June* 1792, intestate, having had two sons; namely *Sir Robert Eden*, afterwards *Sir Robert Johnson Eden*, Baronet, her eldest son and heir at law and customary heir; and who was also the heir at law and customary heir of the said testator *Peter Johnson* at the time of his decease; and the said *Morton John Eden*; and eleven daughters, namely *Dorothea Eden*, *Maria Eden*, *Catherine Eden*, *Elizabeth Eden*, *Caroline Eden*, *Dulcibella Eden*, *Anne Eden*, *Emmeline Eden*, *Eleanor Eden*, *Harriet Eden* and *Charlotte Eden*; and no other children.

Elizabeth Eden, *Caroline Eden* and *Harriet Eden* all died in the lifetime of their mother, the said *Lady Eden*, under the age of twenty one years, and without having been married: but *Lady Eden*'s other daughters and her two sons survived her: and *Dulcibella Eden* and *Anne Eden*, having respectively attained the age of twenty one years, died respectively in the year 1805, intestate as to real estate, and without having been married, leaving the said *Robert Johnson Eden*, their eldest brother, their heir at law and customary heir.

Upon or shortly after the death of *Dorothea Johnson*,

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the widow of the said testator *Peter Johnson*, Sir *Robert Johnson Eden*, Baronet (in the said will called *Robert Eden*), entered into possession of the freehold and copyhold estates by the said will devised to him for life, or into the receipt of the rents and profits thereof, and continued in such possession or receipt until his death.

Morton John Eden, on the death of his father Sir *John Eden*, became seised of the estates of the said *Morton Davison* referred to in the will of the said testator *Peter Johnson*, and died on the 28th of *June* 1841, in the lifetime of his brother Sir *Robert Johnson Eden*, and without ever having had any issue.

Sir *Robert Johnson Eden*, Baronet, died on the 4th *September* 1844 without having had any issue.

Dorothea Eden, the daughter, intermarried first with *Henry Methold*, and secondly with *Daniel Seddon*, both deceased; and she died in the year 1830, leaving *Henry Methold*, her eldest son, her heir at law and customary heir. *Maria Eden* intermarried first with Lord *Aghrin* (afterwards Earl of *Athlone*), and secondly with Sir *W. J. Hope* G. C. B., both deceased; and she is now a widow. *Catherine Eden* intermarried with, and is now the wife of, *Robert Eden Duncombe Shafto*. *Emmeline Eden* intermarried with, and is now the wife of, *Thomas Northmore*. *Eleanor Eden* intermarried with, and is now the widow of, the Rev. *Thomas Fourness Wilson*; and *Charlotte Eden* intermarried with, and is now the wife of, *Robert Kaye Greville*.

Sir *Robert Johnson Eden*, by his will dated in 1815, and which was afterwards republished by a codicil thereto in 1841, gave and devised all his estates, lands and hereditaments whatsoever and wheresoever in *Durham* and *York*, and elsewhere in *Great Britain*, to cer-

tain uses in his said will mentioned (but which have failed to take effect), with an ultimate limitation to the use of the said defendant Sir *William Eden*, his heirs and assigns for ever; and the said Sir *William Eden*, as such devisee, did, on the decease of the said Sir *Robert Johnson Eden*, enter into and is now in possession or receipt of the rents and profits of the estates devised by the will of the said *Peter Johnson*.

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On the 20th *February* 1845 a bill was filed in the High Court of Chancery by the said *Eleanor Wilson* against the said Sir *William Eden*, Baronet, *Richard John Thompson*, *Henry Thompson*, the said *Robert Kaye Greville* and *Charlotte* his wife, *Maria* Countess of *Athlone*, *Robert Eden Duncombe Shafto* and *Catherine* his wife, *Thomas Northmore* and *Emmeline* his wife, and *Henry Methold*, stating among other things the will of the said *Peter Johnson*, and praying equitable relief in respect of matters connected with his estate. The defendants put in their answers to this bill: and the cause, being at issue, came on to be heard before his Lordship the Master of the Rolls; when his Lordship directed a case to be stated for the opinion of the Court of Queen's Bench upon the following question:

Whether the daughters of *Dorothea*, the wife of Sir *John Eden*, Baronet, in the pleadings of the said cause named, or any and which of them, took any and what estate or interest in the estates devised by the will of *Peter Johnson* deceased, the testator in the pleadings of this cause named, or any and which of them.

It was agreed that the will and codicils of *Peter Johnson* and the will of *Morton Davison* should be considered as part of this case.

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Morton Davison, by his will (*a*), dated 9th *November*, 1769 (not set out in the case), devised all his freehold, copyhold and leasehold manors, messuages, lands, &c. and hereditaments, after certain limitations in favour of his own issue, male and female, if any, to his nephew, Sir *John Eden*, Baronet, and his assigns, for his life; remainder in trust to preserve the contingent remainders after limited. And, from and after the decease of Sir *J. Eden*, then, in case he should have more than one son of his body lawfully begotten, to the second son of Sir *J. Eden* lawfully &c., and the heirs male of the body of such second son, and, for default of such issue, to the third, fourth, and all and every other the son and sons of the body of Sir *J. Eden*, lawfully &c., except his eldest son, severally, successively and in remainder, one after another according to priority of birth, and the respective heirs male of the bodies of every such third &c. son and sons, except his eldest, the elder of such sons, and the heirs male of his body, being always preferred: And, for default of such issue of Sir *J. Eden*, then to testator's nephew, *Robert Eden*, Esquire, and his assigns during his life; remainder to preserve &c.; and, from and after the death of *Robert Eden*, to the first son of the body of *Robert* and the heirs male of the body of such first son, with subsequent limitations to the second and other sons of *Robert*, as in the devise to the third and other sons of Sir *John Eden*; but omitting the exclusion of eldest sons. And, for default of such issue of *Robert*, to testator's nephew *William Eden* for his life (remainder to preserve &c.); remainder to the first son of *William* with limitations over, as in the last preceding devise; remainder, for default of issue of *William*, to testator's

(*a*) See some clauses set out verbatim in the judgment, post, p. 279.

nephew *Thomas* for his life, with the like limitations over; remainder, for default of issue of *Thomas*, to testator's nephew *Morton Eden* for life, with like limitations over: And, for default of such issue, to testator's own right heirs for ever. Then (after a bequest of tithes and other property held on lease) came the following clause.

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"Provided nevertheless, and my will is, that, for and notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained to the contrary thereof, in case the title of Baronet, now vested in my said nephew the said Sir *John Eden*, shall descend and come to the second, third, or any other the younger son of Sir *John Eden*, or to any other person or persons to whom my said manors, messuages, lands, tenements, coal mines, collieries, tithes and hereditaments are by this my will devised and limited, before or at the time when he or they or any of them shall be in the actual possession of my said manors, messuages, lands, &c., by virtue of the limitations in this my will contained, then and in such case, and from time to time and when and so often as the same shall so happen or be, the use, estate and interest herein given and limited to such son or sons of the said Sir *John Eden*, or to such person or persons as aforesaid, on whom the said title shall descend and come, of and in my said manors, messuages, lands," &c., "shall from thenceforth cease and be utterly void as if such person was naturally dead; and that then and in every such case it shall and may be lawful to and for the person who by virtue of the limitations aforesaid shall be then next entitled in remainder to the said manors, hereditaments, and premises to enter into, and to hold and enjoy the same for and during the estate and interest hereby devised and limited to him therein as aforesaid."

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There was a further proviso, that, from and after the death of testator's nephew Sir *John Eden*, every person to whom the said manors, messuages, lands, &c., should come by the limitations of the will should, within three calendar months next after coming into possession, take the surname of *Davison*: in case of refusal or neglect, the estate of such person in the said manors, &c., to cease as if he were dead, and the person next entitled to take, he assuming the said surname.

The case was argued on this and a subsequent day of the term (a).

Humphry, for the plaintiff. The will of *Peter Johnson* gave an estate in fee to the daughters of *Lady Eden* who survived her and the testator, as tenants in common, from the time when there ceased to be issue male of *Lady Eden* who could inherit the real estates. The case is peculiar: but the Court will adopt the principle of construction acted upon in *Doe dem. Dacre v. Dacre* (b), and will hold that the devise to daughters in the proviso continues the previous limitations by vesting a remainder in the daughters, and does not operate as an executory devise. The limitations, first to the sons of *Lady Eden* successively, and then to the daughters, form a regular series, interrupted, it is true, by the provision in case of the *Davison* estates devolving upon one of the sons; but this does not change the character of the subsequent limitations. It may be suggested as a difficulty that, in the commencement of the proviso, the word "male" is introduced: "Provided always that, if" "my said daughter shall have no issue male of her body

(a) November 16th and 21st. Before *Coleridge*, *Wightman* and *Erle* J.

(b) 1 B. & P. 250. Judgment affirmed in Q. B.; *Lady Dacre v. Doe*, 8 T. R. 112.

living at her death, or no such issue male as shall be entitled," &c. But this difficulty presses the defendants rather than the plaintiff. If by the words "issue male" is to be understood issue of a male, it means heirs of the body of a son; but it makes no difference to the argument for the plaintiff whether the daughters take in remainder on an estate tail so restricted or on a general estate tail: upon the facts of this case they are still entitled. "Issue male," here, cannot mean sons; for then, if Lady *Eden* had had a son who died in her lifetime leaving issue, the estate must have been taken from them at her death, and transferred to the daughters. The only effect of the word "male" here is to cut down the estate tail general, given by the prior limitations, to a special estate tail; according to the rule stated in 2 *Jarman on Wills*, ch. 35. pp. 232, 3., 236, 7, and *Fitzgerald v. Leslie* (a), cited in the same volume, p. 239.

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The plaintiff's view of the case agrees with the established general principles: That the Courts will not construe that to be an executory devise which may be a remainder; *Fearne, Cont. Rem.* 267, 385, note (b); nor that as contingent which may be vested; *ib.*, p. 378.: and that a remainder shall not be construed as contingent after the earliest period at which it can vest; *Stert v. Platel* (b): Also that words of devise shall be construed in their primary sense, unless there appear a manifest intention to the contrary; *Attorney General v. Malkin* (c); *Jesson v. Doe dem. Wright* (d), judgment of Lord *Redesdale*: that, in reasonable intendment, "a subsequent limitation is meant to take effect upon failure of the

(a) 3 *Bro. P. C.* 154.

(c) 2 *Phill. C. C.* 64. 68.

(b) 5 *New Ca.* 434.

(d) 2 *Bligh*, 1. 56.

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prior gift, and is a substitution in that event"; *Malcolm v. Taylor* (a); that, "where the general intent appears to make a strict settlement, though some one limitation may, according to the words, seem contingent, yet the general intent shall prevail;" *Lethicullier v. Tracey* (b): and that, if dispositions in a will appear contradictory, the last in order shall prevail, unless a contrary intention be clearly shewn in the context *Morrall v. Sutton* (c). A general rule relied upon by the defendants is that the heir shall not be disinherited unless that intention be clearly expressed. But here the ultimate limitation to the testator's right heirs is in itself a plain intimation of intent that the estate should not go to them unless in a specified event. In one particular event the heir, if he could take, clearly was not intended to hold. It will be argued, also, that, if the event on which the succession of the daughters is made to depend may be referred to a period subsequent to the death of the testator's daughter, and a remainder is to become vested at that period, to the exclusion of the heir at law, the will ought to shew with certainty some person or class in whom the remainder is then to vest. But, on the terms of the will, there can be no doubt that, on the supposed failure of issue male, the daughters, if any were living at the mother's death, would take, and, if one or more were then dead and had left issue, the issue would take, in place of such daughter or daughters; if all the daughters were dead, their issue only would be the class to take. The contingency does not affect the limitations, but only the parties to be benefited. It cannot have been meant

(a) 2 Russ. & Mylne, 416. 421.

(b) 3 Atk. 774. 781.

(c) 1 Phill. C. C. 533. 537. 545.

that, on failure of the male issue subsequently to the death of Lady *Eden*, the heir at law should come in to the exclusion of the daughters and their issue, whose succession is provided for so circumstantially. Even in the case of Lady *Eden*'s having no issue, male or female, the will contemplates an exclusion of the heir at law by her will or appointment. The residuary clause in favour of Lady *Eden* also furnishes an argument against the alleged intention. And (as was before observed), though the testator has made a final devise to right heirs, it is expressly subjected to all the prior limitations, and to the power of appointment.

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On a comparison, therefore, of the clauses of the will, there sufficiently appears a class in which the remainder might be intended to vest, and will vest. A more difficult question arises on the introductory words of the proviso: If "my said daughter shall have no issue male of her body *living at her death*, or no such issue male as shall be entitled by the true meaning of *this* my will to my real estates hereby limited and settled," I devise &c. to all the daughters &c. of the body of my said daughter who shall be living at her death, &c. The Court of Exchequer has held, in *Wilson v. Eden* (a), that the words "living at her death" are to be understood in the second, as they are expressed in the first, branch of the sentence; and that the condition on which the daughters are to inherit is, that there shall not be any issue male living at the time of Lady *Eden*'s death, who could inherit the real estates under the will: whereas Lady *Eden*'s son, Sir *Robert Johnson Eden*, outlived her, and succeeded to the devised estates. But, on a strict exa-

(a) 1 *Exch.* 772.

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mination of the sentence, there will be found no reason for carrying on the words "living at her death" to the second branch of it. Distinct contingencies are contemplated, one including, the other not including, this incident. (The grammatical construction of the sentence is so amply discussed in the judgment of the Court, which agrees with the argument for the plaintiff, that a fuller report here is unnecessary. *Humphreys* referred to the observations of Lord *Langdale* M. R. on this subject in *Wilson v. Eden* (a) in the Roll Court. And, as to the objection that one of the alternatives mentioned would be ineffective on the suggested construction, he cited 1 *Jarman on Wills*, 244. c. 9. s. 2. (b), *Longhead dem. Hopkins v. Phelps* (c).)

Malins, contra. It is not disputed that the will gave a remainder to the daughters; but it was contingent, and the contingency has happened so as to carry the estates to Sir *W. Eden*. As to the testator's intention, it is clear that he did not mean the daughters to take in the event of any failure of issue male: if he had had that purpose a very few words would have expressed it. The proviso must have meant more. A leading object in the will was to prevent a union of the *Johnson* and the *Davison* estates in the same hand; and, following out that design, the testator, when he declares that the daughters shall take if Lady *Eden* has no issue male of her body living at her decease, adds, as a contingency equivalent to that, if she shall have "no such issue male as shall be entitled" to the real estates according to the provision which excludes an in-

(a) 11 *Beav.* 295, et seq.

(b) "But care should be taken," to "following cases."

(c) 2 *W. Bl.* 704.

heritor of the *Davison* estates. In each provision he looks to the state of things at the time of Lady *Eden's* death: there is no ground, either in the circumstances or in the words and context, for supposing a distinction. According to the argument for the plaintiff on failure of issue male of Lady *Eden*, whenever that might happen, any daughters or even daughter of Lady *Eden*, or the heirs of such daughters or daughter, would take the estate in fee: whereas in the successive limitations to the sons there is no mention of daughters. It cannot be assumed that, as between the female descendants of sons and the female descendants of daughters, the testator intended such a preference. Another circumstance, which shews that his view in the proviso was limited to the state of things at Lady *Eden's* death, is the power given to her of making an appointment to take effect if she should have no issue living at that time. The introduction of that power does not shew an intention to exclude the heir at law. Had that been intended, the will would probably have made some reference to the daughters of Lady *Eden's* sons therein named, or of her son or sons who might yet be born. For want of this, the property might, in some events, have remained undisposed of, on the failure of male issue after Lady *Eden's* death. The supposed intention to exclude the right heir would not be effected by the residuary clause; for, before stat. 7 *W. 4.* & 1 *Vict. c. 26.* came into operation, such a clause would pass those estates only which were the testator's and undisposed of at the date of the will. And, when the testator makes a specific limitation of a partial or contingent interest, not exhausting the whole fee, and then leaves the reversion in fee, or the estate in fee on failure of the

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contingency, to his right heirs, a residuary clause does not act upon such an interest; *Amesbury v. Brown* (a), *Robinson v. Knight* (b).

Then, as to the particular words of the proviso in question. If the testator has pointed out a specific contingency in plain terms, these must have their effect, and cannot be departed from on a speculative view of his intentions. That principle was acted upon in *Denn dem. Radclyffe v. Bagshawe* (c), where the material words were "if living at the time of her death," and *Shulldham v. Smith, lessee of Mathews* (d), which turned upon similar expressions. Other cases to the same effect (among which is *Doe dem. Vessey v. Wilkinson* (e)) are cited in 1 *Jarman on Wills*, 744—752. c. 25. s. 3. *Doo v. Brabant* (g) and *Calthorpe v. Gough* (h) are of the same class. Here the Court of Exchequer has decided that, in the first sentence of the proviso, the words "living at her death" apply to both branches; and that is the true construction. The sense is: "If, at the time of my daughter's death, there is no living issue male of my daughter then entitled to the estates, I devise them to those of her daughters who shall be living at her death." A contingent event and a contingent class are pointed out: and the whole proviso agrees with this view. On the plaintiff's construction the second branch of the first sentence is nugatory. [*Coleridge J.* You make the first branch inoperative. *Erle J.* Suppose there

(a) 2 *W. Bl.* 739, cited in *Smith dem. Davis v. Saunders*; *S. C.* 2 *Eden's C. C.* 160, cited in *Robinson v. Knight*.

(b) 2 *Eden's C. C.* 155.

(c) 6 *T. R.* 512.

(d) 6 *Dow*, 22.

(e) 2 *T. R.* 209.

(g) 4 *T. R.* 706.

(h) 4 *T. R.* 707, note (b) to *Doo v. Brabant*.

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sionary interests are disposed of in his favour. *Robson v. Knight* (a) bears no analogy to the present case. In Mr. *Eden's* note upon that decision (b) it is said: "The present case and *Amesbury v. Brown* (c), were cited and approved of by *De Grey*, C. J. in *Smith & Davis v. Saunders* (d), where it was laid down, that a residuary clause would extend to every latent reversion which the testator might have in him, unless it was expressly excluded by devise to some other person; that in case such latter devise be to the testator's own right heirs, although they cannot take as purchasers, yet as a whole is merely a question of intention, it will equally operate as an exclusion of the residuary devise": and the Editor cites further authorities on the point.

As to the proviso itself: the two parts of the first sentence must be read as distinct provisions. If Lady *Eden* had any issue male at the time of her death, it must have been issue male "entitled," contingently at least, to the testator's real estates. For, by the will of *Morton Davison*, if any son of his nephew Sir *John Eden* succeeded to the Baronetcy, his whole right in the *Davison* estates was to cease from thenceforth; but by the will of *Peter Johnson*, the party so disabled from continuing to hold the *Davison* estates would become qualified to hold the estates of *Johnson*. And, if the two parts of the sentence referred to have different meanings, they must be, that the limitation to daughters shall take effect, first, if Lady *Eden* should have no issue male at all living at her death, and, secondly, if she shall not have issue male who then or at any subsequent time shall be entitled to the *Johnson* estates.

(a) 2 *Eden's Ch. Ca.* 155.

(c) 2 *W. Bl.* 739.

(b) *Ib.* p. 161.

(d) 2 *W. Bl.* 736. 739.

This point was not taken before the Master of the Rolls, or in the Court of Exchequer. [Erle J. Does the baronetcy follow the same course of descent in the Johnson family as the Johnson estates?] It does. [Erle J. Johnson cannot have read the will of Davison with attention; for it seems to be an impossible supposition that the Johnson estates should come to a person having the Davison estates. Coleridge J. They would come to such a person de facto entitled; but he would immediately lose them.]

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COLERIDGE J., in the vacation following this term (December 18th), delivered the judgment of the Court.

This was a case sent for the opinion of this Court by Lord *Langdale*, and was elaborately argued on two days before my brothers *Wightman* and *Erle* and myself. The question to be determined by it depends on the construction of a single proviso in the will of *Peter Johnson*, which we shall state presently in terms; but it is necessary first to set out the substance of the previous limitations.

By these he devised the estates now in question to the use of his wife and his daughter Lady *Eden* successively for their respective lives, and after their deaths to his grandson *Robert Eden*, eldest son of his said daughter, for his life, and after his decease to the first and other sons of his said grandson, severally and successively, and the heirs of their respective bodies, and, for default of such issue, to his grandson *Morton John Eden*, second son of his said daughter, for his life, in case he should not become or not continue seised of the real estates of *Morton Davison* by virtue of his

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(*Davison's*) will. And, after the decease of *Morton John Eden*, the testator devised his said estates, upon the conditions aforesaid, to the first and other sons of the said *Morton John Eden* severally and successively, and to the heirs of their respective bodies, and, in default of such issue, he devised the said estates, upon the like condition as aforesaid, to the third and every other son of his said daughter to be begotten, severally and successively, and the heirs of their respective bodies. And the testator declared that, if the said *Morton John Eden* or any son of his said daughter should at any time during his life become seised of the real estates devised by the said *Morton Davison*, then the said *Morton John Eden*, or such son of his said daughter so becoming entitled, or any heir of his body, should not take any interest in any of his, the said testator's, estates, but the same should go over to, and be enjoyed by, the next son of his said daughter and the heirs of his body; with a clause, however, for revesting the estates in the son so displaced on certain contingencies therein specified. And then comes the proviso on which the question for our decision turns: "Provided always" &c. His Lordship here read the proviso set out at p. 261, *antè*, ending with the devise to testator's right heirs in default of appointment by Lady *Eden* and subject &c.

It is obvious that the testator framed his will with reference to the provisions in the will of *Morton Davison*. That will is made a part of the present case; and it may be convenient to have before us the two clauses of it which are material to our present consideration. It appears that Sir *John Eden*, Bart., who had married Miss *Johnson*, was the nephew of *Morton Davison*; and the two wills shew a concurrent desire

of both testators to prevent the union of their two estates in the same son of Sir *John* and Lady *Eden*.

Morton Davison made his will in 1769; *Peter Johnson* his in 1779.

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The former, after a life estate to Sir *John Eden*, devises thus: "And from and after his decease, then, in case my said nephew Sir *John Eden* shall have more sons than one of his body lawfully begotten, then unto and to the use of the second son of my said nephew Sir *John Eden* lawfully to be begotten, and of the heirs male of the body of such second son lawfully issuing: And, for default of such issue, to the use of the third, fourth and all and every other the son and sons of the body of my said nephew Sir *John Eden* lawfully to be begotten, except his eldest son, severally, successively and in remainder one after another as they and every of them shall be in priority of birth, and of the several and respective heirs male of the body and bodies of all and every such third, fourth and other son and sons, except his eldest son, lawfully issuing; the elder of such sons and the heirs male of his body being always preferred and to take before the younger of the same sons and the heirs male of his and their body and bodies issuing." Then follow a long series of limitations, concluding with an ultimate devise to his own right heirs for ever. Then follows a gift of tithes, immaterial to our present consideration; and then comes this proviso: "Provided nevertheless:" His Lordship here read the proviso set out at p. 267, *antè*, for cesser and devolution of the estate in case the baronetcy should come to the second, third or other younger son of Sir *John Eden*, or to any other person taking under the will.

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Putting, then, the two wills together, it is obvious that the being entitled to hold one of the properties under the former was to be an exclusion from the other under the latter, and so conversely; and further, that, if at any period there was but one son of Lady *Eden* living after the decease of Sir *John Eden*, as he must be the baronet, he would on the one hand be excluded from the *Davison* property, and on the other, in the words of the proviso in question in the *Johnson* will, would be "entitled by the true meaning of that will" to the real estates thereby limited and settled. As then, *at any given period*, to have no issue male of Lady *Eden*'s body was necessarily to have no such issue male as should be entitled to take the estates, so also to have at *the same given period* no such issue male as should be entitled to take was the same as to have no issue male at all.

Coming now to the material part of the *Johnson* will, we think it was rightly contended on the part of the plaintiff that the proviso in question was in substance only a link in the chain of limitations by which the disposition of these estates was carefully provided for after the determination of the life estates to the testator's widow and daughter respectively. This chain commences by giving life estates to the only two then born sons, with remainders in tail male to their issue successively, and estates in tail general to unborn sons successively; and, as this would have been a very incomplete provision had it stopped there, and as the daughters of Lady *Eden* were clearly the next objects in the testator's mind, the will might have been expected to proceed in the ordinary form, providing, in default of such issue as before enumerated, for the

daughters, substantially as they are now in effect provided for. Had that been done there could have been no doubt upon the construction; why it was not done seems sufficiently accounted for by the interposition of the proviso disabling and reenabling to take the estates in case of the *Davison* property coming to or passing from any younger son of Lady *Eden*. This interposition might have seemed to the framer of the will to render the common form of reference improper.

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This brings us to the proviso in question. Now, when it was penned, Lady *Eden* had two sons living, and more might be born; the event, therefore, on which the daughters were intended to take, would not unnaturally present itself to the testator's mind with reference to the two contingencies: either both or all might die without issue in her lifetime, or, they or some of them surviving her, there might be still a failure of issue male entitled to take at some later period. It is clear that he did contemplate the failure in regard to two contingencies at least; for he uses the unequivocal words "then and in either of those cases;" and, those words being used with reference to what he had expressed immediately before, if the previous expressions, as they stand without the least alteration, addition or transposition, will in their ordinary meaning adequately describe two contingent events, and such ordinary meaning is not repugnant to any intention of the testator before expressed, upon every sound rule of construction that ordinary meaning ought to prevail. We are therefore to examine the language itself: and, in so doing, as the same examination has already been made in the Court of Exchequer, and we have been led to an opposite conclusion from that to which that

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Court arrived, it is scarcely possible to avoid commenting upon the reasonings and observations on which it is built; for they are in truth the substance of the argument on which the case for the defendant must rest.

The words are: "Provided always, that, if it shall happen that my said daughter shall have no issue male of her body living at her death, or no such issue male as shall be entitled by the true meaning of this my will to my real estates hereby limited and settled as aforesaid." It is said that there is no verb to the second member of the sentence; that one must be imported into it; and that the only question is what that verb shall be. We think this is a mistake. Where that which follows a transitive verb is made up of parts, either united by a conjunctive or divided by a disjunctive particle, the force of the verb equally in either case *passes into* both parts, making up the whole as if the whole had been unbroken. There is no need in either case of any mental repetition of the verb. In the Latin language, the verb would have come last in the sentence, and then it would have been clear, as in that case the mind of the reader or hearer would have been in suspense as to what the verb would ultimately be until all had been expressed on which the verb was to operate, and *could* not have applied the verb to the first branch before the second was expressed: so, in the English, the force of the verb itself remains as it were suspended in his mind until the whole is expressed on which it is to operate. If that which is governed by "shall have" could in each branch be expressed by a single accusative case, what we maintain might be clearer; but, framed as the sentence is at present, the principle is the same, that there

is no mental repetition of the verb in the second branch, and therefore no necessity for any written importation of it to make the language strictly accurate in grammar. We would gladly have avoided this grammatical minuteness; but, at whatever hazard, the examination must be gone into, if the construction of the sentence is to depend on it. If we are right, the whole sentence has an adequate meaning without the alteration or addition of a letter; and that meaning gives us two contingencies; for the same contingency, limited to determine at two different periods, is in fact thereby made two. And, as so to read the will is quite consistent with the testator's intention, it is no argument against it, that, had he been more clear-sighted, he might have expressed his intention in a single branch of the sentence: he has clearly contemplated the providing for two cases: the contingency on which he meant the daughters to take so presented itself to his mind; and he has framed his language accordingly.

But, if it be necessary to import a verb into the second branch to make the grammar complete, we cannot agree in the argument for the defendant as to what is to be imported. We take it that the only safe rule can be to import so much as is necessary to make the grammar complete, and no more. The course for the defendant has been to transpose the words "living at her death" in the first clause, to which there is no objection there, because there it makes no difference in the meaning; and then to introduce the verb with those words, so transposed, annexed to it and made to form a part of it, into the second, whereby a new sense is given to that part: taken as a whole, therefore, the

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sense of the sentence is altered by the transposition, which seems to us a fatal objection to it, it not being necessary to effectuate any clearly expressed intention of the testator. If the transposition would have altered the meaning of the first clause, it clearly could not have been made; why then should it be allowed when it alters the meaning of the second? If, indeed, the defendant is right in contending that "living at her death" is part of the verb which governs the sentence, we admit that this argument fails: it is not then properly a transposition, but rather a bringing together the divided parts of the idea which the verb represents; and that verb will certainly govern both members of the sentence: this would follow from our own argument. But "living at her death" is a qualification of the "issue male;" it shews what sort of issue male the testator had in his mind; and, wherever placed, it is no more a part of the verb than the issue male itself. It is not a part of the verb governing, but of that which is governed by it. What is proposed to be done, therefore, remains a transposition, and no more; and, if unnecessary, it is not allowable, because it works an alteration of the sense. It is to be observed, moreover, that the words "living at her death," in the place in which the testator has placed them, are not only neither senseless nor contradictory (which are the true grounds on which transposition is allowable), but they stand just where any ordinary or even accurate writer would have placed them, who desired to convey the idea which the first member of the sentence was clearly intended to convey: to move them as the defendant desires to do, only makes that clause awkward and unusual in phraseology.

But considerations are suggested, why the transpositions should be made ; and with these it is incumbent on us to deal. In the first place it is said that, unless the construction be adopted, “the first member of the proviso is wholly nugatory and inoperative (a).” To this it might be enough to answer, that, if it *be* adopted, the same consequence immediately follows. “If my daughter shall have *living at her death* no such issue male as shall be entitled &c.,” she can have no issue male of her body living at her death. For, if but one only son were then living, nothing would disentitle him from taking, but the possession of the *Davison* estates : but, as Sir *John Eden*, the father, took a life estate in these under the *Davison* will, such son, though not disqualified by being the Baronet, yet could not take them during the father’s life, and, upon the death of his father, he would be disqualified by the descent of the baronetcy. But this is not the only answer. As the words now stand, coupled with the provision which follows for the grand-daughters, the substance is this : “if there shall be a total failure of issue male at the time of my daughter’s death, or an indefinite failure of such issue male at any time, living any granddaughter who survived my daughter, or the issue of such daughter predeceased, then over.” These are surely two contingencies : and, although the happening of the first may involve the second, yet, the first *not* happening, the second may ; and then the remainder to the daughters would take effect. If the testator had said : “if either at my daughter’s death, or at some later period named, there should be a failure of issue male, the estate shall go over to my grand-

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daughters," no doubt the language would have been redundant; but it would be a redundancy so ordinary in the language of ordinary men that it would not have furnished an adequate ground for a transposition of words such as is here insisted on.

But it is further said that, as the power of appointment given to Lady *Eden* was to be exercised by way of substitution for the gift to the daughters or their issue, it must be taken to have reference to the happening of the same events, there being no daughter, as would have entitled the daughters to take if there had been any. And, as it is clear that the power of appointment could only arise on the failure of issue male and female both *living Lady Eden*, so it is reasonably to be inferred that, whether daughters should take or not, must be determined before her death. Much stress is not laid on this argument in the judgment of the Court of Exchequer: and it is to be considered that this was a power clearly capable of being exercised contingently before the event arose on the happening of which only the exercise could take effect. Up to the last hour of Lady *Eden*'s life, sons or daughters, living till then, might die; and she might be unable to exercise the power at all, although the event had arisen on which it was given to her, unless during their life she had contingently exercised it. It is therefore in truth no more than a cautious provision by the testator to interpose one more let in the way of the estates coming under the ultimate remainder to the heir at law.

The result of our examination is, therefore, that both branches of the proviso have a clear meaning as they stand in terms; that it is unnecessary, and therefore improper, to make any the slightest alteration in

their language; but that, if it should be thought that a verb must be introduced into the second branch, that introduction must be confined to the words "shall have," and that, neither as part of the verb nor by way of transposition, ought the words "living at her death" to be so introduced.

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We conclude that the event has happened under which the gift over to the daughters arises. And, although we cannot come to this conclusion without that degree of doubt as to its correctness which the contrary opinion of the Court of Exchequer must create in our minds, yet, entertaining it as we do after careful investigation, we shall certify to that effect to the Master of the Rolls.

A certificate was sent accordingly (a).

(a) Lord Langdale M. R. decided in conformity to the above certificate, on March 6th, 1850: *Wilson v. Eden*, 12 Beau. 454. But the House of Lords, on appeal, December 14th, 1852, reversed the decree of Lord Langdale, with a declaration that the daughters took no estate under Johnson's will: *Eden v. Wilson*, 4 H. Lords' Cases (not yet published).

The QUEEN against The Inhabitants of WIGAN.

Saturday,
November 17th.

ON appeal against an order of justices for removing *Mary Bamber* and her children from the township of *Leyland* to the township of *Wigan*, both in the county of *Lancaster*, the Sessions confirmed the order, subject to the opinion of this Court upon a special case.

The clerk to the Guardians of *W. Union*, comprising, among other places, the township of *Wigan*, wrote to the Guardians of *L.*

Union, stating that he was directed to request them to relieve, on account of the *W. Union*, certain paupers resident in the *Union of L.* and chargeable there. The clerk added a schedule, stating, among other particulars, that the paupers were settled in *Wigan*. The *L. Union* thereupon advanced money to the paupers, and the sum was repaid to them by the clerk of *W. Union*.

Held, on appeal against an order of removal to *Wigan*, that these facts were *prima facie* evidence of an acknowledgement by *Wigan* that the paupers were settled there, without proof of a written order by the *W. Guardians*, and without further evidence of the circumstances under which the clerk was directed to write.

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The case incorporated the examinations, order of removal, and notice and statement of grounds of appeal.

The examination of the pauper, *Mary Bamber*, was as follows. “I am about 34 years of age. I have never been married. I am the illegitimate child of *Jane Bamber*. I was born in *Wigan*, as I have always been told and believe, where my mother’s settlement was. I was living in *Leyland* in this county in or about the month of *January* in the year 1846. I have two illegitimate children” (stating names and ages). “In or about the month of *January* in the year 1846, having become chargeable to *Leyland* in the county of *Lancaster*, I was sent to the township of *Wigan* in the county of *Lancaster*, to which township I belonged, to apply for relief there. I went to *Wigan* aforesaid with my youngest child, and saw Mr. *Robert Halliwell*, the relieving officer of *Wigan* aforesaid. I told him I belonged to *Wigan*, and applied to be taken into the workhouse. He knew me, as I had received relief from the said township of *Wigan* before; and he sent me and my said youngest child into the *Wigan* workhouse, where I remained 23 weeks. I am now receiving relief from the said township of *Leyland*; which relief is made necessary” &c. (The rest is not material.)

The examination of *Thomas Jones*, attorney at law, partner of Mr. *Stanton*, Clerk to the Board of Guardians of the *Chorley* Union in the county of *Lancaster*, stated the receipt, at Messrs. *Jones* and *Stanton*’s office, of a letter signed “*Thomas Bullock*, for Clerk to the *Wigan* Union”; and added “Many letters on the business of the *Wigan* Union, signed ‘*Thomas Bullock*, for the Clerk to the *Wigan* Union,’ and appearing to be in the same hand-writing as the signature to the

said letter marked *B*, have been received by the Clerk to the Board of Guardians of the *Chorley* Union, in reply to letters addressed to the Clerk to the *Wigan* Union; and I believe the said letter, marked *B*, to be signed by *Thomas Bullock*, Clerk to Mr. *William Ackerley*, who is Clerk to the Guardians of the *Wigan* Union." The deponent further stated that he received 19s. 6d., the amount authorised to be paid to *Mary Bamber* by the said letter, about the 7th of *November* 1847, from the Clerk to the Guardians of the *Wigan* Union, on account of the said township of *Leyland*.

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The letter marked *B* was as follows:

"To the Guardians of the Poor of the *Chorley* Union.

"*Wigan*, 5th day of *March*, 1847.

"Gentlemen, I am directed to request that you will, through your relieving officer, relieve, on account of this Union, the undermentioned pauper, residing at *Leyland* in your Union, with the relief and for the period stated below. I am," &c.

"*Thomas Bullock*; for Clerk to *Wigan* Union."

Pauper's Family.	Age.	Occupation.	Where settled.	Relief to be given.	For what Period.
<i>Mary Bamber and child</i> }	54.	Weaver	<i>Wigan</i>	1s. 6d. weekly	3 months.

The examination of *Thomas Gaskell* was as follows.
"I am one of the relieving officers of the *Chorley* Union in the county of *Lancaster*, for that district in which the said township of *Leyland* is situate. I received the said letter, marked *B*, from the Clerk to the *Chorley* Board of Guardians, and I paid the sum of

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19s. 6d., as such relieving officer, to the said *Mary Bamber*, now present, whilst she was residing in *Leyland* aforesaid, in obedience to the said order or letter marked *B*, on account of the said township of *Wigan*. The examination went on to verify a certificate of chargeability to *Leyland*, granted by the Guardian of the *Chorley* Union under their common seal.

The ground of appeal was: "That the examination upon which the said order is founded are, and each and every of them is, informal, defective, and bad on the face thereof, and insufficient in law to justify the making of the said order."

The case stated that the appeal came on for hearing at the *Preston* Quarter Sessions, on 5th *April* 1848 when on the part of the appellants it was objected that the examinations were bad and insufficient in law "First, because they contain no legal evidence of settlement of the paupers in the appellant township and Secondly, because they contain no direct or legal evidence shewing that the appellants had acknowledged a liability by granting relief to the pauper, as pretended in the examinations." The Sessions overruled the objections, held the examinations sufficient, and confirmed the order, subject to the opinion of this Court on the sufficiency of the examinations. If this Court should be of opinion that the examinations were sufficient, the orders of justices and of sessions were to be confirmed; otherwise to be set aside.

Pashley, in support of the order of Sessions. It must be admitted that the pauper's examination furnishes no legal evidence as to birth. As to acknowledgement, the relief in 1846 is some evidence against *Wigan*. Relief to

a pauper, being in the parish, is inconclusive; but, under the circumstances here stated, it may, in the nature of an admission, have some effect; *Regina v. Sow* (a). The main question, however, is, whether the Clerk to the Board of Guardians of a Union is competent to admit a settlement in a parish within such Union, the question being between that and another Union. The admission here is by a kind of communication which parochial bodies are in the habit of making to each other, and which is of daily mutual convenience, and not of such a nature as to require the common seal. The act of the Clerk in making it may fairly be deemed the act of the Guardians. The term "Clerk" in itself imports that he is an officer employed to keep their minutes and to write such documents as do not require the common seal. This is shewn by the explanations of the word "Clerk" in *Cowel's Interpreter* and *Tomlins's Law Dictionary*, and "Clerici" in *Ducange*, where it is said (vol. 2. p. 394., ed. Paris, 1842) that "Clerici" are "Scribæ, actuarii, et amanuenses judicum, vel officialium regionum, aut qui sumptus quotidianos ad officia ac munera spectantes, in acta referunt, aliaque obeunt munia, quæ sine qualicunque doctrinâ præstari nequeunt." [Erle J. Does any statute define the duties of the Clerk to Guardians?] *Pushley* referred to stat. 4 & 5 W. 4. c. 76. s. 46., but admitted that no specification of the Clerk's duties appeared to have been made by the Commissioners under that clause: also to stat. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 57. s. 17., and stat. 7 & 8 Vict. c. 101. ss. 5, 12, 15, 68, 69.

As to the authorities: it was indeed held in *Regina*

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v. *Bradford* (a) that a statement, by the relieving officer of a Union, that he had relieved paupers on account of a particular township in it, did not prove chargeability to that township. It was assumed, from the statement of the officer, that he could not know unless from some written document, whether the relief was on behalf of one township of the Union or another. But it is not clear that he might not have known by verbal order. And in *Regina v. Hartpury* (b), decided a year later, the Court adopted a less rigid construction of facts. *Regina v. Little Marlow* (c) decided nothing in favour of the appellants. That was a case simply of relief given by the relieving officer of a Union; there was no evidence that the relief was in fact given on behalf of the parish, or that the parish were cognizant of it. But in *Regina v. Crondall* (d) the Court drew a distinction between the act of the Guardians and the mere act of an officer, saying: "Where an application for such relief has been made to the relieving officer of a Union whose duty it is to examine into the merits of the case and to report thereon to the Board of Guardians, and when he has brought the application before that board whose duty it is to enquire into the settlement, and to order such relief only in case of being satisfied that the settlement is in one of the parishes of the Union, and relief has been ordered by that board on account of one of the parishes, and given by the relieving officer according to such order, all the steps now required by the law have been taken, and such relief is legally given. And the Court thought that the authority of the pari-

(a) 8 Q. B. 571.; note (h) to *Regina v. Hartpury*.

(b) 8 Q. B. 566.

(c) 10 Q. B. 223.

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might be inferred from the act of the Guardians, as the parish would have a representative at the Board, and the Board was at all events bound to take care of the interests of the parish. Any authorised act of relief, to a pauper not in the parish, would be some evidence of settlement; *Rex v. Edwinstowe* (a).

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Whigham, contra. The allegation of birth-settlement is futile. The other statements in the examinations are only corroborative of that, and all depend, for their efficacy, on the letter of March 5th. The clerk there merely says, "I am directed to request that you will" "relieve, on account of this union." It does not appear who gives the direction. If the Guardians gave it, that would appear by the books, properly signed and counter-signed, and shewing the particulars. That evidence was given in *Regina v. Crondall* (b). The present case, therefore, is not brought within that decision, even assuming the letter to be authorised by the Board; and, in principle, it is the same as *Regina v. Little Marlow* (c) and *Regina v. Bradford* (d). In the first of these two cases, Lord Denman C. J. said: "We cannot, therefore, take notice of any charge on the one parish, or the other, which the relieving officer might have made in his books; for they were not produced; nor is there any statement, if they had been, of their ever having been shewn to or brought within the cognizance of the overseers of *Wooburn* parish" (e). [*Wightman* J. Suppose

(a) 8 B. & C. 671.

(b) 10 Q. B. 812. See also *Regina v. Pott Shrigley*, 12 Q. B. 143.

(c) 10 Q. B. 223.

(d) 8 Q. B. 571, note (h).

(e) *Whigham* also referred to *Regina v. Skitlington*, Q. B. Mich. T. (November 19th) 1845, where, to prove chargeability, the relieving officer

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it had appeared that this letter was written with the express authority of the Guardians.] It would not be sufficient, without some proof of the steps enquiry pointed out in the judgment of the Court *Regina v. Crondall (a)*. The only specific acknowledgment in the letter is by the words "Where settle *Wigan*:" but those do not shew that "*Wigan*" is the same with the township of *Wigan*, to which the present removal is made; nor does it appear that the Clerk had any knowledge on the subject.

COLERIDGE J. I am of opinion that the rule for quashing this order must be discharged. The whole question is of agency. It cannot be denied that, if the Guardians of a Union, proceeding in a regular course order relief to be given to a pauper on behalf of a particular parish in the Union, and it is given, those facts together are evidence against the parish. But it is urged here: First, that there is no evidence of the

of the parish of *Whitley Upper* in the *Huddersfield* Union (the complaining parish) stated at the sessions that he had, as such officer, given 2s. a week to the pauper "by order of the Board of Guardians;" "that such order was in writing;" and that such orders were entered in a book called the Order book. Neither the book nor any written evidence of the order was produced, nor was there any further proof of its terms. It was objected that, the order being proved to be in writing, it ought to have been produced; and that, without the production, it did not even appear that the Guardians had ordered the relief to be given out of the funds of *Whitley Upper*. The Sessions received the evidence, subject to the opinion of this Court on a case, and confirmed the order of removal. The Court (Lord Denman C. J., Williams and Wightman Js.) stopped the argument (after having heard *R. Hall* and *Pickering* in support of the order of sessions, and *Pashley*, with whom was *Overend*, contra); Lord Denman C. J. merely observing that, without the book, the Court had nothing to refer to. *Whigham* cited the case from 1 *New Magistrates' Cases*, 492 (a) 10 Q. B. 812.

justices having given such an order: and, Secondly, that the steps are not shewn to have been regular. Now the letter from the Clerk to the Guardians of the *Wigan* Union asks relief for a pauper, not resident in their Union, from the Guardians of the *Chorley* Union: and there is appended to that letter a schedule with the words "Where settled. *Wigan*." It is argued that this is an expression to which we cannot attach much importance; but, if it is once established that the letter is an admission, it must be taken most strongly against the party making it. And the letter desires relief on account of the *Wigan* Union, and fixes on a parish within it: the *Chorley* Union does in fact pay the money; and the *Wigan* Union repays it. But it is contended that, admitting the Clerk to be the agent of the *Wigan* Guardians, there is no proof that, in the present instance, his act was theirs, because their books are not produced to shew an order duly counter-signed. Supposing, however, that the proceeding was not taken regularly, but that the Guardians, at a meeting, gave the direction, and the Chairman neglected to sign and have it counter-signed, it would be strong to say that the letter written under such an order was no evidence in this case. And, if the order was given, we must, on principle, assume that a guardian representing the township of *Wigan* was there, because it was his duty. Therefore the regularity of the proceeding is shewn sufficiently, if the Clerk was agent to the Guardians. It has been observed that we have no order of Commissioners before us, under stat. 4 & 5 W. 4. c. 76. s. 46. But the statutes which have been referred to justify us in treating the Clerk as a recognised officer of a Union. And certain duties

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attach to officers of a certain name *ex vi termini*. One of the duties of a clerk to Guardians, which we may thus infer, is the making communications to other Boards. He would naturally be the channel for these, and for making arrangements as to the sending of small sums of money. And in this case I think the nature and subject of the communication are alone sufficient to raise the inference of agency. We have, therefore, the Guardians of a Union, of which *Wigan* is one member, sending relief to a pauper as belonging to *Wigan*, while resident in the *Chorley* Union.

WIGHTMAN J. It could not be contended, since the case of *Regina v. Crondall (a)*, that this letter, if it had proceeded directly from the Board of Guardians, would not have been sufficient. Then the question is, whether enough was shewn here to raise the presumption that the letter had their authority. It was written, in fact, by a person named *Bullock*, but must be treated as written by the Clerk himself; the only question is, whether he was authorised. I think he was so authorised, as an officer recognised by the statutes, and appointed with certain duties, among which is that of carrying on the correspondence of the Guardians with the persons who are presumptively parties to a transaction of this kind. The letter, therefore, was *prima facie* evidence.

ERLE J. The question is, not whether a distinct settlement was shewn, but whether there was proof of an admission. The Guardians are the authorised

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When a pauper lunatic has been removed to an asylum by an order under stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 100. s. 48., justices may adjudicate upon the settlement, under stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 126. s. 58., and an order may be made upon the parish of the settlement, under stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 126. s. 62., for payment of expenses.

Such order of removal cannot be brought up by certiorari.

PASHLEY, in *Hilary* term 1848, obtained a calling upon the prosecutors to shew cause the after mentioned orders of *December* 1st, 1846, *May* 10th, 1847, brought into this Court by certiorari should not be quashed for the insufficiency thereof notice to the Rev. *William Buswell* and *Jeremiah A. ling*, and to *Samuel James Skinner* and *Edmund R. Esquires*, the persons (respectively) by whom the orders were signed, and to the churchwardens and overseers of the parish of *Little Baddow* in *Essex*.

The first mentioned order was as follows.

" 8 & 9 Victoria, c. 100.

Schedule (D.) sect. 48.

We, the undersigned, having called to our assistance Mr. *John T. Gilson*, a surgeon, not being the medical officer of the parish or

By the officiating clergyman relieving officer or over

If it be so brought up, the objection to the certiorari may be taken on the return.

It is no valid objection, that the order for payment of expenses sets forth the order of removal, and the adjudication of the settlement, by way of recital, without finding the statements in such order and adjudication are true.

The order may be for payment of a sum specified as reasonable at the time of the order, "or such other weekly sum as the proprietor of the said house shall hereafter from time to time, reasonably charge."

The order for payment being brought up by certiorari, it is no valid objection, that the order of removal appears by affidavit to have been given by a clergyman who was not the officiating clergyman of the parish from which the removal was made.

Nor that it does not appear by the order of adjudication that, before adjudication notice was given to the parish in which it is adjudged that the pauper is settled.

Nor that the order for payment recites an adjudication that the parish "was the parish of the last legal settlement" of the lunatic, without further stating the time of the settlement.

Nor that such order does not state the pauper to have been chargeable to the parish from which he was removed.

Nor that the removal is to a private licensed asylum, but it does not appear that there is no county asylum or that such asylum is full.

to which the said " (sic) "*Sarah Sampson* belongs, and having personally examined *Sarah Sampson*, a pauper, and being satisfied the said *S. S.* is a lunatic, and a proper person to be confined, hereby direct you to receive the said *S. S.* as a patient into your house. Subjoined is a statement respecting the said *S. S.*

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of the parish.

Jeremiah Suckling, Overseer of *Little*
Baddow."

Then followed a statement under the heads given in the above mentioned schedule, specifying that *S. S.* was of the age of 31 years, single, a servant, had been insane 12 days, &c. The order concluded:

"I certify that to the best of my knowledge the above particulars are correctly stated.

"*Jeremiah Suckling*. Dated the 1st
day of *December*, 1846."

"To Mr *Edward Byas*, proprietor
of *Grove Hall, Bow, Middlesex*."

A medical certificate was added, certifying, in the form given by the schedule, that *Sarah Sampson* was a lunatic and a proper person to be confined.

The first order of *May* 10th, 1847, was as follows.

"*Essex* (to wit). Whereas heretofore, to wit on the 1st day of *December*, 1846, by a certain order of The Revd." &c., "an officiating clergyman" &c., "and *Jeremiah Suckling*, overseer" &c., "bearing date" &c., "directed to Mr. *E. Byas*, the proprietor of a house duly licensed for the reception of lunatics, called" &c., "reciting" &c., "they therefore hereby directed" &c. (stating the order above set forth): "and whereas a statement respecting the said *Sarah Sampson* was duly made and certified by the said *Jeremiah Suckling*, such overseer as aforesaid. And whereas a medical certificate respecting the said *S. S.* was duly made by the said *J. T. Gilson*, such surgeon as aforesaid. And whereas, in pursuance of the said order, the said *S. S.* was therefore afterwards, on the 2d day of *December* in the year aforesaid, conveyed to the said house of said *E. Byas*, who then accepted and received the said *S. S.* into said house. And whereas the said *S. S.* hath ever since been, and still is, kept and confined as a lunatic in the said house. And whereas

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we, *Samuel James Skinner* and *Edmund Round*, Esquires, whose names are hereunto subscribed and seals affixed, being two of her Majesty's justices of the peace in and for the county of *Essex*, wherein the said parish of *Little Baddow*, from which the said *S. S.* was sent to the said house, is situate, having now, in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, and on the complaint and application of the churchwardens and overseers of the said parish of *Little Baddow*, enquired into the last legal settlement of the said *S. S.*, and it now being satisfactorily proved before us, as well by the oaths of *William Sampson*, *Charles Woraker*, *Caroline Hone*, *Jeremiah Suckling* and *Edward Byas* as otherwise, that the parish of *Hatfield Peverel*, in the said county of *Essex*, is the place of the last legal settlement of the said *S. S.*: We, the said *S. J. Skinner* and *E. Round*, such justices as aforesaid, do hereby adjudge that the said parish of *Hatfield Peverel* is the place of the last legal settlement of the said *S. S.* Given under our hands and seals, at *Chelmsford* in the said county of *Essex*, the 10th day of *May*, 1847.

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Edmund Round." (L. s.)

The second order of *May* 10th, 1847, was as follows—

"*Essex* (to wit). To the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of *Hatfield Peverel*" "in *Essex*, and to the treasurer of the guardians of the poor of the *Witham* Union in the said county of *Essex*.

Whereas heretofore, to wit on the 1st day of *December*, A. D. 1846, by a certain order of The Revd." &c. (reciting the order of *December* 1st, the statement certified by *Suckling*, the medical certificate, and the subsequent proceedings, as was done in the previous order of *May* 10th, down to the words "confined as a lunatic in the said house"): "And whereas by a certain other order of us, *S. J. Skinner* and *E. Round*, Esquires, whose names are thereunto subscribed and seals affixed, being two" &c. "in and for" &c., "wherein" &c. "(as in the last preceding order), "bearing even date with this order, but made and signed previously to the making and signing hereof, after reciting the first mentioned order, and reciting that we the said *S. J. Skinner* and *E. Round* had, in pursuance of the statute in such case" &c., "and on the complaint" &c., "inquired into the last legal settlement of the said *S. S.*, and it having been satisfactorily proved before us, as well by the oaths of *William Sampson*" &c. "as otherwise, that the parish of *Hatfield Peverel* in the said county of *Essex* was the place of the last legal settlement of the said *S. S.*, we the said *S. J. Skinner* and *E. Round*, such justices as aforesaid, did thereby adjudge that the said parish of *Hatfield Peverel* was the place of the last legal settlement of the said *S. Sampson*: And whereas the said parish of *Hatfield Peverel* is one of the parishes included and comprised in the *Witham*

Union as aforesaid: And whereas the said parish of *Hatfield Peverel* is a parish different from the parish from which the said *Sarah Sampson* was sent to such House as aforesaid: And whereas complaint has been made unto us," the said *S. J. Skinner* and *E. Round*, whose names " &c., "being two" &c., "wherein" &c. (as above), "by the churchwardens and overseers of the said parish of *Little Baddow*, that she the said *S. Sampson* has become and now is actually chargeable to the said parish of *Little Baddow*, and that she is now receiving relief therefrom, and that they on behalf of the said parish have incurred great expense in and about the examination of the said *S. S.*, and in and about her conveyance to the said house, and that they have paid divers sums of money to the proprietor of the said house for the lodging, maintenance, clothing, medicine, and care of the said *S. S.*, where she hath ever since been kept and confined at the charge and expense of the said parish of *Little Baddow*, and the said churchwardens and overseers of " &c. "therefore having now made application unto us the said justices for an order upon the treasurer of the guardians of the poor of the said *Witham* Union, in which the said parish of *Hatfield Peverel* is comprised as aforesaid, for payment to the said churchwardens and overseers of " &c. "of the amount of the said expenses, and of the moneys so paid by them to the proprietor of the said house as aforesaid; and it being now satisfactorily proved unto us, the said justices, upon oath, that the said churchwardens and overseers of " &c. "have heretofore and within twelve calendar months before the making of this order paid the following sums in respect of the said pauper lunatic *S. S.* (that is to say) the sum of 4*l.* 0*s.* 1*d.*, being the reasonable expenses incurred by the said parish of *Little Baddow* in and about the examination of the said *S. S.* and the conveying of her to the said house, and also the further sum of 12*l.* 11*s.* 11*d.*, being the amount of the several sums which by the said churchwardens and overseers of the said parish of *Little Baddow* have been hitherto paid to the proprietor of the said house for the reasonable charges of the lodging, clothing, medicine, maintenance and care of the said *S. S.* during her confinement in the said house: We do therefore order you, the treasurer of the guardians of the poor of the *Witham* Union aforesaid, to pay forthwith unto the said churchwardens and overseers of " &c., "the said several sums of " &c., "making in the whole" &c. "And we do further order you, the treasurer of " &c., "to pay also weekly and every week unto the proprietor of the said house the sum of 1*l.*; which said weekly sum of 1*l.* appears to us, the said justices, to be a reasonable charge in that behalf; or such other weekly sum as the proprietor of the said house shall hereafter, and from time to time, reasonably charge for the future lodging, clothing, medicine, maintenance and care of the said *S. S.* during such time as she shall be confined as a lunatic in the said house. Given " &c., "at *Chelmsford*" &c., "this 10th day of *May*, A. D. 1847.

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The rule to quash was obtained on two affidavits, sworn by "*James Corder of Witham in the county of Essex, gentleman.*" The first stated: That the Rev-*W. Buswell*, by whom the order of *December 1st* was signed, "is not, and was not at the time of the making and signing such order, either rector, vicar, curate, minister or officiating clergyman of the parish of *Little Baddow*," from which the pauper was sent to the licensed house under the order; "nor did the said *W. Buswell*, at the time of the making and signing of such order, hold or fill any clerical office or appointment, or perform any clerical duties or functions in the said parish of *Little Baddow*; but that the said *W. B.* then was and still is the rector of the parish of *Widford* in" *Essex*, and chaplain to the workhouse of the *Chelmsford* Union; "and that his duties as chaplain to such union workhouse then were, and still are, confined to the interior of such union workhouse, which union workhouse then was and still is wholly situate within the parish of *Chelmsford* in the said county." That the said *Chelmsford* union then comprised and still doth comprise twenty nine parishes in the said county, of which *Little Baddow* is one. That *Jeremiah Suckling*, by whom the said order was signed as overseer of *Little Baddow*, was not, at the time of the making and signing of such order, one of the overseers of the poor of *Little Baddow*, nor an inhabitant of the said parish; but that *George Taylor* and *Henry White Joslyn* of the said parish, farmers, then were the only overseers of the poor of that parish; and that the said *J. Suckling*, at the time of the making and signing &c., was, and still is, a paid assistant overseer for certain parishes in the said county of *Essex*, of which *Little Baddow* then

was, and still is, one; and that he, at the time of the making and signing &c., resided, and still doth reside, in the parish of *Sandow* in the said county. And further, that at the time of the making of such order there was not, nor is there now, any county or principal asylum for pauper lunatics in the said county." *Corder's* second affidavit stated, That the order of adjudication of settlement dated *May* 10th, 1847, was made by the two justices therein named without the knowledge of the churchwardens and overseers of *Hatfield Peverel*, or either of them, of any application for such order being intended: and that neither the said churchwardens and overseers of *Hatfield Peverel*, nor the Treasurer of the *Witham* Union, received any notice in writing or otherwise of any intention to apply to the said justices for a certain other order &c. (the second order of *May* 10th).

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Notice was given that the following points would be relied upon in support of the rule to quash. 1. That it appears by the affidavits that the Rev. *W. Buswell* and *J. Suckling* had not either of them any authority to make the order of 1st *December* 1846: and that the order fails to shew of what parish the said *W. Buswell* was the officiating clergyman. 2. That, the said order of 1st *December* 1846 being void as above, the orders of 10th *May* 1847 are also void on that account, and on account of Mr. *Buswell* and Mr. *Suckling* not having had authority, &c. 3. That the first order of 10th *May* 1847 was made without notice either to any overseer of *Hatfield Peverel* or to the guardians or treasurer of the *Witham* Union, and is therefore void, the law not giving any appeal against such order. 4. That the second order of 10th *May* 1847 is bad, inasmuch as it

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fails to state facts which shew the jurisdiction of the justices, and also inasmuch as it fails to shew at what time the settlement of the pauper lunatic was in *Hatfield Peverel*. 5. That the last mentioned order is bad as to all future payments, inasmuch as it is not direct and positive, but gives an option to the proprietor of the licensed house to vary the charge for future lodging &c., from time to time so long as the said *Sarah Sampson* may be confined as a lunatic in that house. 6. That the said last mentioned order, instead of averring facts sets out former instruments which merely recite those facts. 7. That the said last mentioned order is made on the churchwardens and overseers of the parish of *Hatfield Peverel*, although that parish is in an union. 8. That the said orders of 10th *May* 1847 severally fail to shew whether *Sarah Sampson* was ever chargeable to or resident in *Little Baddow*, and whether there was any asylum for the county of *Essex*, and also severally omit to state the various facts necessary to authorise the making of such orders respectively.

Mr. *Buswell* and Mr. *Suckling* made affidavit, in opposition to the rule, that no notice was given to either of them of an application for a certiorari to remove the order of *December* 1st, 1846. Affidavit was also made that, on that day, there was not in *Essex* any county asylum for pauper lunatics. In last *Easter* term (a),

Bovill shewed cause. It is a novel course to include three distinct orders in one certiorari. [*Coleridge* J. Is not it a common form of certiorari to bring up "all

(a) *April* 25th, 1849. Before *Patteson*, *Coleridge* and *Erle* Js. *Coleridge* J. left the Court near the close of the argument against the rule.

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and singular the indictments" &c. "with all things touching the same?"] The writ has been obtained on a rule absolute in the first instance, without notice. And no notice of the present application has been given to *Byas*; nor does the rule call on him to answer (a). [*Coleridge J.* It would be hardly just that we should decide behind his back that an order on which he has been acting is illegal.] Then, the first document in question is not such an order as can be brought up by certiorari. Stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c.* 100., under which it is made, provides for the removal and protection of lunatics, enacting, in sect. 48, as to paupers, that none "shall be received into or detained in any licensed house, or any hospital, without an order and statement according to the form and stating the particulars required in schedule (D.) annexed to this act, under the hands of one justice or an officiating clergyman, with the relieving officer or one of the overseers of the union or parish from which such pauper shall be sent;" "nor without a medical certificate according to the form in the said schedule:" "and every person who shall receive any pauper into any such house or hospital as aforesaid without such order and medical certificate as last aforesaid shall be guilty of misdemeanor." The document is called an order; but it is only a compliance with certain directory provisions. The act does not confer power to remove or detain a lunatic; that might be done at common law: it merely imposes a penalty on the keeper of a licensed house if he receives a lunatic without certain preliminaries: and the order, with the annexed cer-

(a) *Bovill* stated that he was not instructed on behalf of *Byas*.

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tificate, is a protection to the house-keeper against the penalty. The order itself is merely a direction, or rather a permission; and no person, except *Byas* and the lunatic, has any concern in quashing or upholding it: no parish is interested. In *Shuttleworth's Case* (a) this Court evidently was of opinion that the clauses of the statute respecting lunatics who were not paupers (sects. 45, 46) were directory as to the statements to be made in the order. *Byas* is called upon, many months after the making of the order on him, to resist a motion which would render him liable to punishment for a misdemeanor. Though there is no statutory limitation of time as to such orders, the rule ought to be the same as that which is laid down for removing orders of justices, by stat. 13 G. 2. c. 18. s. 5. Then, if the first order is not removeable, the parties supporting the orders are entitled to judgment as to that: the second and third are not connected with it. [*Patteson J.* They are by recital.] The first is an order under stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 100., independent of the subsequent ones, which are under stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 126. It is the authority, and the only one, under which the keeper of the licensed house is entitled to charge the parish for maintenance. The orders of *May* 10th do not depend upon the first; they recite a previous order as a correct one; and it will not be assumed that a bad order is intended (b). [*Patteson J.*

(a) 9 Q. B. 651.

(b) *Bovill* likewise argued that the objections to the order of *December* 1st were groundless; and that, at all events, it was conformable, in every material respect, to schedule (D.) of stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 100. *Patteson J.* observed that the words of that form, "officiating clergyman of the parish" &c. were not pursued. But, as the Court held the document not removeable, the argument is not further reported.

Is there any provision making it obligatory on the keeper of the house to receive a lunatic under such an order and certificate?] None in this statute.

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The Court then called upon counsel on the other side to argue the question whether or not the first order was removeable by certiorari.

Whitchurst and *Pashley*, contra. The motion should have been to quash the certiorari as improvidently issued: that is the constant [practice; *Regina v. Rotherham* (a), *Regina v. Fordham* (b), *Regina v. Cartworth* (c). [Erle J. Suppose a certiorari had issued to bring up a bill of exchange, and a motion were made to quash the bill; would not the course be to discharge the rule? Coleridge J. Is not it good cause for not quashing an order, that, if we did so, we should exceed our jurisdiction? Erle J. In *Rex v. Lloyd* (d), where this Court held that a certain order of quarter sessions was not removeable, the Court, after motion to quash the order, discharged the rule and quashed the certiorari at the same time. Coleridge J. In *Regina v. Coles* (e) the objection to the certiorari was taken in shewing cause against a motion to quash the order: and it was contended, but not with success, that the objection to the writ came too late: there, however, the Court held the order to be judicial. Erle J. The Master of the Crown Office says that the precise point, as to the time of taking the objection, was made, and the suggestion overruled.]

(a) 3 Q. B. 776. 788.

(b) 11 A. & E. 73. 79, 80.

(c) 5 Q. B. 201.

(d) Cald. 309.

(e) 8 Q. B. 75.

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The first document is either framed under stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c.* 100., and invalid under that statute; or is a bad order under stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c.* 126. [*Patteson J.* In the form, schedule (D.) to the first statute, the expression is “we” “hereby request you to receive:” in schedule (E.) No. 1. to stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c.* 126., it is “we” “hereby direct you to receive.”] In the order of *December* 1st, 1846, the word is “direct.” [*Coleridge J.* If there is a disagreement as to the weekly sum, is the keeper compellable to receive the pauper? And, if not, is the document addressed to him an order? Is not the transaction a contract?] If he obeys the instrument, he makes it an order. [*Coleridge J.* You must contend that the minister and overseer are a court of inferior jurisdiction.] They are, for this purpose, at least under stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c.* 126. *s.* 48. The effect of the clause is to make those who act under it public officers, where a pauper is concerned. [*Coleridge J.* It is clear, from the language used, that the present proceeding has not been taken under that clause, but under stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c.* 100. *s.* 48.] Stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c.* 126. *s.* 48. repeals the prior enactment, or engrafts on it a new form of procedure. Were this not so, the justice or clergyman, and overseer, might send a pauper to a licensed house, though there were a lunatic asylum in the county or borough, not full. [*Patteson J.* The affidavits do not shew that information was given by an overseer or medical officer to the justice, or that the justice called a medical officer to his assistance, conformably to stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c.* 126. *s.* 48. In the prior statute, sect. 48 puts the justice or clergyman and the parish officer into the same situation in which private

friends of the lunatic are under sect. 45. If we might remove orders under sect. 48 we might also remove orders under sect. 45.] The order of *December* 1st is before the Court, either as a judicial act in itself, or as auxiliary to a judicial act: and the former appears to be the more correct view. The words "being satisfied" are equivalent to an adjudication; *Regina v. Lewis* (a). The power to receive and detain, under stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 100. s. 48.* and schedule (D.) is based upon the declaration that the clergyman or justice is so satisfied. That is a strong interference with the liberty of the subject; and the foundation of it must be something judicial. "Wherever a power is given to examine, hear, and punish, it is a judicial power;" per *Holt C. J.* in *Groenwelt v. Burwell* (b), where it was held that a certiorari would lie to bring up a condemnation by the College of Physicians for *malis praxis*. In *Rex v. Lediard* (c) (which may be cited) the act done was merely ministerial; a mandamus would have gone to compel the justice to issue the warrant. The order here is at least the foundation of the orders of 10th *May*, and therefore affects their validity; *Regina v. Martin* (d). And, if the Court will look at the first order in examining into the validity of the others, the question whether or not the first should have been brought up by certiorari becomes unimportant.

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(a) 8 *A. & E.* 881. And see *Case of the Sheriff of Middlesex*, 11 *A. & E.* 287.

(b) 1 *Salk.* 144. 200. 396.

(c) *Sayer's Rep.* 6.

(d) Note (a) to *Taylor v. Clemson*, 2 *Q. B.* 1037.

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Bovill, in support of the orders of 10th *May*. Not should have been given to *Byas*, the proprietor of asylum. And there should have been separate return to quash the several orders.

As to the objections to the orders. Stat. 8 & 9 *Vict.* c. 100. contains provisions affecting the management of private lunatic asylums. The statute of the same session, 8 & 9 *Vict.* c. 126., must be taken in connection with it. The latter statute is especially directed to the case of pauper lunatics, and to providing asylums in counties and boroughs. It empowers, by sect. 48, the overseer, with the clergyman or justice, to act in certain cases, as the previous statute does: and it gives jurisdiction, by sect. 58, to two justices of the county in which the asylum or the parish from which the pauper is removed is situate to inquire into and to judge upon the settlement of any pauper lunatic confined, or ordered to be confined, in the asylum. There is nothing to restrict this enactment to the case of lunatics sent to the asylum under the provisions of chapter 126. Therefore, the removal is good under sect. 48 of chapter 100. Nor would the jurisdiction of the justices be affected by the fact that the lunatic had been sent irregularly: the jurisdiction arises upon the fact of the lunatic being confined or ordered to be confined. Now, on the face of the two orders of 10th *May*, it appears that the justices are justices of *Essex* in which is situate the parish of *Little Baddow*, where the pauper is sent. They recite a good order made by the clergyman and overseer. If the orders are valid they may be contested by appeal against the order for maintenance; *Ex parte Monkleigh*(a). The first

(a) 5 *Dowl. & L.* 404.

second points do not arise except upon the affidavits: but, the jurisdiction to make the orders existing, the affidavits cannot be looked at. The third point is, that the first order of 10th *May* was made without notice to the parish of *Hatfield Peverel*, or the union in which it is. [*Patteson J.* There is nothing in that (a).] As to the fourth point: the jurisdiction to order payment arises under sect. 62 of stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c.* 126., as the jurisdiction to adjudicate on the settlement arises under sect. 58. It is, however, contended that the order of maintenance is bad, because the recital of the earlier order of 10th *May* does not shew when the pauper was settled in *Hatfield Peverel*. But the statute does not require this. It is sufficient that the settlement at the time of the adjudication should be stated; because that must be the same as the settlement at the time of the order for payment, inasmuch as no settlement could be acquired while the pauper was in the asylum. The fifth point is that the order as to future charges is uncertain. Sect. 62 requires the justices to order payment "of the reasonable charges of the future lodging" &c. The order finds that 11s. per week appears to the justices a reasonable charge in that behalf, and directs payment of that sum, "or such other weekly sum as the proprietor of the said house shall hereafter, and from time to time, reasonably charge." The justices could do no more than fix the sum which appeared reasonable at the time being: they could not foresee the price of provisions, and other circumstances, which might make what was now reasonable un-

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reasonable hereafter. If the proprietor demanded a sum, and the parish officers were indicted for refusal to pay it, it would be for a jury to say whether the sum demanded was reasonable. Even if this were a good objection, it would only make the order bad for part; the residue would nevertheless be valid; *Rex v. Maulden* (a). The sixth point is not borne out by the order: the instruments referred to stated the facts; and the order is founded on the instruments. [The counsel supporting the rule abandoned the seventh point (b).] As to the eighth point: First, the statute does not require chargeability or residence: it is enough that the pauper lunatic is found in the parish from whence he is removed. Secondly, it was not necessary to negative the existence of a county asylum: the jurisdiction attaches upon the pauper being found in the private asylum, whether there was a county asylum or not. If the affidavits are resorted to, they shew that in fact there is no county lunatic asylum in *Essex*.

Whitehurst and *Pashley*, contra. It was not necessary to give notice to the keeper of the asylum, the only question being, which of the two parishes is to pay. One rule is sufficient: that is the opinion of the officers of the Crown Office. But it is sufficient that the last order is properly brought up: the others are brought up merely *ex abundanti cautela*.

As to the first two points: the question being entirely one of jurisdiction, affidavits as to the facts necessary to raise the jurisdiction may be received;

(a) 8 B. & C. 78.

(b) See *Regina v. Tyrwhitt*, 12 Q. B. 292.

Regina v. Bolton (a). They shew that, even under stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c.* 100. s. 48., the removal is without jurisdiction, there having been no order either by a justice or a clergyman officiating in the parish. As to the fourth point. The order of maintenance ought to shew jurisdiction on the face of it. Now, if it be defended as warranted by stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c.* 100. s. 48., the answer is that under that statute there is no power to order payment at all. The question therefore is whether jurisdiction is shewn under c. 126. For this purpose, it ought to appear that the pauper was placed in the asylum under the provisions of that statute. Now, sect. 48 of stat. 8. & 9 *Vict. c.* 126. requires the order of a justice, except in the case where the lunatic cannot be taken before the justice; and then the justice or clergyman, being satisfied by personal examination, may, subject to certain other regulations, make the order. But here no order of a justice appears; and there is no finding that the lunatic could not be taken before a justice. In sect. 57 of stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c.* 126. the case of lunatics "confined under the provisions of this act" is alone contemplated; sect. 58 is a continuance of sect. 57, and gives the power to inquire into the settlement in the same case only: and sect. 62 authorizes the order of maintenance only "in such case," that is, where there has been an adjudication under sect. 58. This is a fatal objection on certiorari, as much as if it did not appear that the right parties had applied: the objection prevailed on certiorari in *Regina v. Smith* (b), though it was not suggested

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(a) 1 Q. B. 66.

(b) 7 Q. B. 543.

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that the application was not properly made in fact, as though a previous case, *Regina v. Ardsley* (a), appeared at first sight adverse to the decision. The words of sect. 62 of stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 126., "after any lunatic shall have been sent to an asylum," must be read as if the words were "legally sent;" *Regina v. Justices of Cornwall* (b) (under the former statute 9 G. 4. c. 40. s. 42.). So a plea of No award means No legal award; *Fisher v. Pimbley* (c). It should have been shewn when the pauper was settled in *Hatfield Peverel*. [Erle J. It is shewn; the time spoken of the time of adjudication: change the tense, and the words become unintelligible.] As to the fifth objection: it is suggested on the other side that the reasonableness of such sums as the proprietor may hereafter demand may be inquired into by a jury on the trial of an indictment for non-payment. This would be very inconvenient, and inconsistent with general principle. In *Regina v. Long* (d) it was held that an order made for costs of an appeal by the Quarter Sessions could not be enforced unless the Court fixed the sum during its sittings: *Sellwood v. Mount* (e) is to the same effect. The sum to be paid on a filiation order must be specified therein; 2 Nol. P. L. 303 (4th ed.). It has been held that, if the Sessions order a sum manifestly unreasonable to be paid upon a filiation order, this Court may quash it: but no other authority than the Sessions can fix the sum; *Rex v. Perkasse* (g). A similar point seems to have arisen, but not to have

(a) 5 Q. B. 71.

(b) 2 Dowl. & L. 775.

(c) 11 East, 188. See *Regina v. Grant*, ante, p. 43.

(d) 1 Q. B. 740.

(e) 1 Q. B. 726.

(g) 1 Sid. 363.

been decided, in *Sherman's Case* (a). What is a reasonable time for tenant at will to remove his goods after the determination of the will, is matter of law; *Co. Lit.* 56. b. ; and so, according to the same authority, is the reasonableness of fines, customs and services (b). [*Patteson J.* It does appear that an order framed in this way may provoke continual litigation ; on the other hand, what is reasonable at one time may cease to be so afterwards.] The difficulty may be avoided by directing a specific sum to be paid till it shall be otherwise ordered by competent authority. The visitors, under sect. 40 of stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c.* 126., may fix the weekly expenses of each pauper. [*Patteson J.* Perhaps it may be said that this is the meaning of the words "reasonable expenses." *Erle J.* Is not the remedy for non-payment rather distress or an action, under sect. 68, than indictment?] There might be indictment also ; note (4) to *Rex v. Dickenson* (c). And the distress under sect 68 must be for a specified sum, for "the money so ordered to be paid." There is no process prescribed for affearing the amount : the avowry under such a distress must state a particular sum. As to the sixth point, *Day v. King* (d) is a conclusive authority against the validity of the order. As to the eighth point, sect. 48 of stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c.* 126. shews that such pauper lunatics only as are chargeable are the subject of the statute. And the sending to a private asylum is permitted, by sect. 54, only where there is no county asylum, or under special circumstances, to be stated in the order : whereas there is

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(a) 1 *Vent.* 210.

(b) See *Startup v. Macdonald*, 6 *M. & G.* 593. 606.

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no such statement here; and that this makes the order of removal bad appears from *Regina v. Ellis (a)*. [Patteson J. That was a decision upon an appeal against the order of removal: but can we entertain that objection on a certiorari bringing up the order of maintenance? *Bovill. Regina v. Ellis (a)* was decided on stat. 9 G. 4. c. 40. s. 38., the provisions of which are much more limited than those of stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 126. s. 54.]

Cur. adv. vult.

PATTESON J., in *Michaelmas* vacation (*July 5th*), 1849, delivered the judgment of the Court.

In this case the substantial question was, whether an order for expenses under stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 126. s. 62. is valid in respect of a pauper lunatic received into a licensed house for the reception of lunatics under an order of a clergyman and overseer pursuant to stat.

& 9 Vict. c. 100. s. 48., without an application to a justice under stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 126. s. 48. We are of opinion that it is.

As the two statutes were passed nearly at the same time, they ought to be construed as intended to come into operation together: and in that case the legislature, in passing the later act, had under its notice that pauper lunatics might be sent to a licensed house under stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 100. s. 48. The enactment of the later act, in sect. 62, is general, applying in terms to any lunatic that shall have been sent, whether under the later statute or any other, and repeats a description which had been used in many sections of the

same statute, comprising two classes; viz. paupers sent from a parish, and paupers sent at the instance of some clergyman or officer of a parish, within which latter class the pauper in question clearly falls.

This question being disposed of in the affirmative, the questions of form remain.

As to the instrument under which the pauper was sent, it appears to be in the nature of a certificate equivalent to that which is given by a friend or relation in the case of a lunatic not chargeable, and not of such a judicial nature as to be removable by certiorari: and it further appears to us that this objection to the issuing of the writ is available in shewing cause against quashing an instrument brought up by it. Even if it was before us regularly by affidavit, it would be sufficient to render valid an order of maintenance in as far as it is requisite to shew that the pauper was sent at the instance of some clergyman or officer of the parish. With respect to its sufficiency as a compliance with stat. 8 & 9 *Vict.* c. 126. s. 48. it is not necessary to decide.

As to the objection that the facts essential to authorise an order for expenses are stated by way of recital, that is a sufficient statement; and the decision that the recital of a complaint containing the essential facts is not a recital of the essential facts has no application.

As to the objection that the order is for the payment of 11s. per week, as the reasonable charges at present, or such sum as may be reasonably charged hereafter, it should be borne in mind that the reasonable charge for the maintenance may probably vary; that, in respect of lunatics in the county asylum, provision is made by

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this statute for altering the charge from time to time; that under stat. 9 G. 4. c. 40. s. 31. provision was also made for orders varying the charge from time to time; and that the form of enactment is here altered, and the power to make subsequent orders is not expressly given. There is therefore reason for providing for a variation in the charge. The order decides the amount that is reasonable under present circumstances, and gives a power for future variation. The suggested evil, of raising the question of reasonableness by indictment, does not press, as the 68th section provides for the recovery of the money ordered, either by distress or action: and, if either party chooses to raise the question by action, there would be no particular inconvenience in settling by a verdict the reasonable expenses of a lunatic.

Rule discharged with costs (a).

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Sect. 58 of stat.
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judicate upon the settlement of "any pauper lunatic confined or ordered to be confined" in a lunatic asylum, authorises the proceeding only during the time while the pauper remains in confinement, and the time between the order for his being confined and the beginning of his confinement.

And, if an order for maintenance, under sect. 62, be made on a parish as the last place of a pauper lunatic's settlement, and the adjudication has taken place after the pauper was discharged from the asylum, the order is bad, though the discharge was within twelve months from the beginning of the confinement.

Semble, per Coleridge J., that an order, under sect. 62, directing payment of the expenses of examining and conveying the lunatic to the asylum, may be made more than twelve months after those expenses have been incurred.

HUDDLESTON, in last *Hilary* term, obtained a rule calling on the prosecutors to shew cause why an original order made by two justices of *Lan-*

enactment on 8th *July* 1847, and an order of the Sessions, held at *Salford*, in and for *Lancashire*, on 25th *October* 1847, confirming the said original order, should not be severally quashed for the insufficiency thereof. The two orders had been brought up by certiorari.

The original order was as follows.

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"County of *Lancaster*, to wit." At " &c. "in *Salford*, in the county of *Lancaster*, the 8th day of *July*, A. D. 1847.

Whereas heretofore, to wit" 14th *May* 1846, "one *Samuel Wedge*, a pauper lunatic, was, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, sent, to wit from the township of *Manchester* in the county of *Lancaster*, to an asylum, registered hospital or licensed house, to wit to the asylum situate at *Lancaster* in the said county, and was then received into the said asylum, and was confined therein from the said 14th day of *May* to the 5th day of *January* last: And whereas afterwards, by an order bearing date this 8th day of *July*, A. D. 1847, and made on the same day and year last aforesaid, to wit at *Salford* in the same county, under the hands and seals of *James Heywood* and *John Gibson Whitaker*, Esquires, two of Her Majesty's justices of the peace in and for the said county, within which said county the said asylum then was and still is situate: reciting that they, the said last mentioned justices, had, on the day and year and at the place last aforesaid, inquired into the last legal settlement of the said *Samuel Wedge*, such pauper lunatic as aforesaid, and had obtained satisfactory evidence as to the said settlement of the said *S. W.*; they, the said last mentioned justices, did thereby, in due form of law, find and adjudge that the last legal settlement of the said *S. W.* was in the parish, township or place of *Wolverhampton* in the county of *Stafford*. And whereas the said parish," &c. "of *Wolverhampton*, in the said recited order mentioned, was and is a township different from the township from which the said *S. W.* was sent to the said asylum: Now we, the undersigned, two of Her Majesty's justices of the peace of and for the said county of *Lancaster*, from a part of which said county, to wit the township of *Manchester*, the said *S. W.* was sent to the said asylum as aforesaid, upon due proof upon oath before us now here had and taken, and upon production before us of the said recited order, Do find and adjudge that all and singular the premises are true, and that *The Manchester Union*, in the said county of *Lancaster* (which said last mentioned Union includes within it the said township of *Manchester*, from which the said *S. W.* was sent to the said asylum as aforesaid), has paid and incurred the sum of 9*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.* for expenses in and about the examination of the said *S. W.*, and his conveyance to the said asylum; and that the treasurer of the Guardians of the said *Manchester Union* has paid to the treasurer of the

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said asylum the sum of 12*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* for the reasonable charges (incurred within twelve calendar months previous to the date and making of this our order) for the lodging, maintenance, medicine, clothing and care of the said *S. W.* in the said asylum. We do therefore, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, hereby order and direct that the treasurer of the Guardians of *The Wolverhampton Union*, in the county of *Stafford* (which said last mentioned Union includes within it the said township of *Wolverhampton* in which said township the said *S. W.* has been adjudged to be settled as aforesaid), do forthwith pay unto the treasurer of the Guardians of the said *Union of Manchester* the said sum of 9*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* for all expenses incurred by and on behalf of the said last mentioned Union in and about the examination of the said *Samuel Wedge*, and his conveyance to the said asylum, and do also forthwith pay unto the said treasurer of the said *Manchester Union* the said further sum of 12*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*, the amount of all moneys paid as aforesaid by the said last mentioned treasurer to the treasurer of the said asylum for the reasonable charges of the lodging, maintenance, medicine, clothing and care of the said *S. W.*; which said charges have been incurred within twelve months previous to the date and making of this our order."

The order of the Sessions, held by adjournment on 25th *October* 1847 for *Lancashire*, confirmed the said original order.

Pashley now shewed cause. The first question is, whether an order for the payment of the expenses of maintaining a lunatic pauper in an asylum to which he has been removed can be legally made on the parish of his settlement, not being the parish whence he was removed, when he has been discharged from the asylum within twelve months of his being removed to it, and the settlement has not been adjudged till after the discharge. Under stat. 17 *G. 2. c. 5. s. 20.*, a lunatic might, by order of two justices, be confined in the county or precinct wherein he was found, if he was settled in any place in the county; if not, he was to be sent to the place of his last legal settlement, and confined in the county or precinct wherein it was situate;

and, if his own estate was insufficient to defray the charges of removal and maintenance, two justices were to make an order for payment upon the parish officers of the place of settlement. Stat. 48 *G. 3. c. 96. s. 17.* made a similar provision for the maintenance of the lunatics in county asylums. This, in cases where no county asylum had been established under the last mentioned act, was extended to licensed lunatic asylums by stat. 59 *G. 3. c. 127. s. 1.* Stat. 5 *G. 4. c. 71. s. 3.* authorised two justices, in cases where a lunatic "shall be by the order of two justices confined in any lunatic asylum," to inquire into and adjudicate upon the place of last legal settlement, and forthwith to make an order on the parish officers of such place for payment of weekly maintenance. This enactment did not enable justices to make a retrospective order; *Rex v. Maulden (a)*. Stat. 9 *G. 4. c. 40. s. 1.* repealed the statutes before mentioned. By sect. 38 of this statute, one justice might order the overseers of a parish wherein was a chargeable lunatic to bring him before two justices, who were authorised to remove him to the county lunatic asylum if there was one, but otherwise to a licensed asylum; and they, or any other two justices of the county, might make an order on the parish officer of the place where the last legal settlement should be adjudged to be, for payment of all reasonable charges of conveying the lunatic to the asylum, and of a weekly sum for maintenance. Sect. 42 authorised an inquiry at any time into the last legal settlement of a pauper confined in a lunatic asylum. Sect. 44 placed dangerous lunatics, unless their estates

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were more than sufficient to maintain their families, on the footing of chargeable lunatics. These provisions also gave no power to make a retrospective order; *Rex v. St. Nicholas, Leicester* (a), *Regina v. Darton* (b). In the former of these two cases the pauper appears to have been in the asylum when the order of maintenance was made. Afterwards stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 126.* passed; under which the question now arises. The intention of the legislature clearly was to enlarge the powers before given. Sect. 27 shews that they had under consideration the cases of curable lunatics. The general policy of all the enactments has been that the parish in which the lunatic is found shall not, unless it be the place of settlement, be burthened with the charge of maintenance: and, in further pursuance of this policy, it has been recently enacted, by stat. 12 & 13 *Vict. c. 103. s. 5.*, that, even where the lunatic is irremoveable under the ordinary poor law from the parish in which he is found by reason of a five years' residence within stat. 9 & 10 *Vict. c. 66. s. 1.*, the parish, if in an union, shall not bear the charges alone, but such charges shall be thrown on the common fund of the union (c). Then sect. 58 of stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 126.* (so far as regards the circumstances of this case) makes it lawful for any two justices for the county "from any part of which any pauper lunatic shall have been sent, at any time to inquire into the last legal settlement of any pauper lunatic confined or ordered to be confined therein," and to adjudicate on the settlement. If this were to be so construed as to make it the interest of the removing parish or the county to have the pauper detained till

(a) 3 *A. & E.* 79.

(b) 12 *A. & E.* 78.

(c) See *Overseers of Wigton v. Overseers of Snaith*, 16 *Q. B.* 496.

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his settlement could be inquired into, the effect would be directly against the intention of the legislature. Every facility for inquiring into the settlement, before the county is burthened, is given by sect. 59: it cannot be supposed that this power was intended to cease by the mere departure of the pauper from the asylum. The language of sect. 62 is general: "if, after any lunatic shall have been sent to an asylum," &c., "it shall be adjudged that such lunatic is settled in a parish different from the parish from which, or at the instance of some clergyman or officer of which, he was sent to such asylum," &c., "then and in such case it shall be lawful" for two justices to make the order for payment. Sect. 65 enables the visitors to discharge a lunatic on the undertaking of his friends that he shall be no longer chargeable to any union &c., a provision inconsistent with the doctrine that the mere discharge releases from previous liability if the settlement has not yet been adjudicated upon. Sect. 61 shews the primary liability imposed on the parish from which the removal is made, until there is an adjudication. To meet the inference arising from the words "at any time" in sect. 58, it will be argued that this case is excluded by the words "confined or ordered to be confined therein." But that is not a description of the status in which the pauper is required to be, for the purpose of jurisdiction, at the time of the inquiry into the settlement: it describes merely what preliminary circumstances must have occurred before the inquiry can take place. Even admitting that the word "confined" limits the time to the continuance of the confinement, the words "or ordered to be confined" must be applicable to all the time after the order. It is true that

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the words are not “who shall have been confined:” but that is the obvious meaning; and, in so construing them, the Court will be acting on the principle of construction adopted as to stat. 9 & 10 *Vict. c. 66. s. 1.* in *Regina v. Christchurch (a)*. Among other instances of constructions put upon statutes, enlarging the words in order to meet the intention of the legislature, are: in the case of stat. 8 *Ann. c. 14. s. 1.*, *Dixon v. Smith (b)*; of stat. 29 *C. 2. c. 7. s. 1.*, *Regina v. Justices of Middlesex (c)*; of stat. 6 & 7 *W. 4. c. 38. s. 3.*, *M’Kenna v. Pape (d)*. (He also cited *Butler and Baker’s Case (e)*, *Eyston v. Studd (g)*.)

Secondly, it is objected that the order is bad, for not shewing that the expenses of examining the pauper and conveying him to the lunatic asylum were “incurred within twelve calendar months previous to the date” of the order. But those words, in sect. 62 (*h*),

(a) 12 Q. B. 149.

(b) 1 *Swanst.* 457.

(c) 5 *Dowl. & L.* 580.

(d) 1 *H. L. Ca.* 6.

(e) 3 *Rep.* 25 a. 27 b.

(g) *Plowd.* 459. 467.

(h) Stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 126. s. 62.* enacts that, where the lunatic is adjudged to be settled in a parish other than that from which he was sent to the asylum, registered hospital, or licensed house, it shall be lawful for two justices to make an order upon the treasurer of the union comprising the settlement parish, or upon the overseers of that parish, “for payment to the treasurer of the guardians or overseers of the first mentioned union or parish” (Sic; but evidently meaning the parish secondly mentioned) “of all expenses incurred by or on behalf of such union or parish in or about the examination of such lunatic, and his conveyance to the asylum, hospital, or house, and of all moneys paid by the treasurer of the guardians, or the overseers of such first mentioned union or parish, to the treasurer, officer, or proprietor of the asylum, registered hospital, or licensed house for the lodging, maintenance, medicine, clothing, and care of such lunatic, and incurred within twelve calendar months previous to the date of such order, and also for payment to the treasurer, officer, or proprietor of the asylum, registered hospital, or licensed house, of the reasonable charges of the future lodging, maintenance, medicine, clothing, and care of such lunatic.”

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refer only to the subject matter immediately preceding, the moneys paid by the treasurer or overseers to the treasurer of the asylum. The legislature merely meant to limit the extent to which the parish of the settlement should be liable for charges of maintenance. The word "and" joins the words "incurred within" &c. to the word "paid."

Huddleston, contra. The order does not turn upon the pauper having been "ordered to be confined;" these words are not used. The finding is, merely, that he was in actual confinement, which was terminated at the date of the adjudication; so that he was not then confined. No power is given to adjudicate afterwards: the hardship, if it be one, has arisen from laches in not inquiring earlier into the settlement. The legislature intended that, as soon as the lunatic pauper was sent to the asylum, it should be ascertained where he was settled, or else ascertained that this could not be discovered; in which latter case the order would be made on the county treasurer, by sects. 59, 63. (He was then stopped by the Court.)

COLERIDGE J. I think that, giving the words of stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c.* 126. a reasonable interpretation, this order is not authorized by it. The case may be put as depending on sect. 58; for, if the order of adjudication, which is recited, be not warranted by that section, the whole order of maintenance is clearly bad. It is almost admitted that, if the case stood merely on the word "confined," the order could not be sustained, because that would limit the power of adjudication upon the settlement to the time during which the confinement

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lasts. The question then arises upon the words, "or ordered to be confined." Do these designate the time following the order and preceding the actual confinement, or do they designate the whole time subsequent to the order? If the latter, they comprehend all subsequent time, however remote: no limit is imposed: the settlement may be examined into at any time, though, it is true, only one year's expenses can be ordered to be paid. On that construction, what would be the use of the previous word "confined," which would specify a part only of the whole time comprehended in the words following? We must, therefore, limit those following words to the time preceding the actual confinement; and we must hold that the magistrates had no power to inquire into the settlement after the pauper had been discharged from confinement. It is said that inconvenience will follow from this construction. I own I see none: but at any rate we cannot make the law. As to the second point, I have heard only Mr. *Pashley*: at present I think his construction is right (*a*).

WIGHTMAN J. I am of the same opinion. If there be any doubt, it must be founded on the words "ordered to be confined;" whether these words authorise an inquiry into the settlement at any time whatever which is posterior to the order. I think that construction cannot be put on the words, any more than it could be said that the power of examining into the settlement of a chargeable pauper extends to all the time posterior to any moment of chargeability. The words seem to me to apply to no time later than the pendency of the order.

(*a*) See *Regina v. Winster*, p. 844, post.

ERLE J. The question is, whether, after a pauper ~~has~~ been discharged from a lunatic asylum, he answers to the words "confined or ordered to be confined." Is he confined? It appears that he is not: it seems ~~that~~ he is neither lunatic nor chargeable. He has once ~~been~~ in confinement; but he is not therefore properly ~~described~~ now as "confined." The same observation is applicable to the words "ordered to be confined:" they relate to an order still existing as an order, and not executed. The necessary facts, therefore, did not exist at the time when the settlement was adjudicated upon: and the rule for quashing the order of maintenance must be made absolute.

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Rule absolute (a).

(a) See the preceding and the next four cases.

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February 15th,
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ON appeal, by the overseers of the parish of *Llanengan* in *Carnarvonshire*, against an order of two justices, made upon the Treasurer of the Guardians of *The Pwllheli Union*, the Sessions quashed the order, subject to the opinion of this Court upon a case, substantially as follows.

On appeal against an order for maintenance of a lunatic pauper, under stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 126. s. 62., by a parish adjudged to be the last place of legal settle-

ment, the grounds of appeal stated a settlement by reason of the pauper's mother being entitled to and in possession of a freehold tenement situate in the respondent parish, and having resided there for forty days up to and at the time of the order, the pauper being unemancipated. It was not stated whether the estate was purchased, or how acquired. Held that, upon grounds so generally stated, the appellants could not prove that the mother had purchased a freehold estate in the parish, and resided thereon.

On such an appeal, it is not a good objection to the order, that the lunatic pauper was not brought before the justice by warrant from him after notice from the relieving officer, according to stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 126. s. 48., the enactments in that respect being directory only, and the justice having jurisdiction, in whatever way such lunatic pauper is brought before him,

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On the trial of the appeal, the following were proved.

First :

" I, *William Shipley Conwy*, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the peace in and for the county of *Flint*, having called on the said *D. J.* as a surgeon, and having personally examined *Dinah Jones*, chargeable to the parish of *Rhyddlan* in the county of *Flint*, am fully satisfied that the said *D. J.* is an insane person, and a proper person to be confined: I hereby direct you to receive the said *D. J.*, at your asylum, hospital or house (there being no county or parish within the said county of *Flint*). Subjoined is a statement of the said *D. J.* Dated at *Rhyddlan* in the county of *Flint*, *July, 1846.*" (The statement followed.) Directed " to be committed to the care of *Haydock Lodge* licensed house, or lunatic asylum, in the county of *Flint.*"

Second :

“ County of *Flint*, to wit. To the overseers of the poor of *Rhyddlan*, in the county of *Flint*. Whereas *Dinah*, residing in the parish of *Rhyddlan* in the county of *Flint*, deemed insane, was this day brought before me, *William* Esquire, whose name is hereto set and seal affixed, by Majesty’s justices of the peace for the said county of *Flint*, of my order for that purpose, by *Richard Gerard*, relieving the said parish of *Rhyddlan*, to be examined touching the said *D. J.* and, having called to my assistance a surgeon (not being of such parish), and having also personally examined the said *D. J.* satisfied that the said *D. J.* was an insane person, and should be confined; and I did, by an order under my hand, and seal (the former order): “ And the said *D. J.* has been confined, in such asylum, pursuant to such order, and to the surgeon’s certificate, and relieving officer’s statement, and to the statute in such case made and provided: These charges you, the said overseers of the poor of the said parish, to pay to the treasurer, officer or proprietor of the said asylum, for the charges of the lodging, maintenance, medicine, &c. of the said *D. J.* in the said asylum, so long as she shall remain confined therein. Given under my hand and seal at *Rhyddlan* in the 11th day of *July*, 1846.”

Third :

" County of *Flint*, to wit. To the overseers
" and to the overseers of the poor of the parish

of *Carnarvon*. Whereas *Dinah Jones*, a single woman and a pauper lunatic, residing in and chargeable" &c. : stating the removal of the lunatic under the first order, and that the pauper was still confined in the asylum, and that, the undersigned, *W. S. Conwy* and *Edward Lewis Richards*, justices of the peace for *Ffint*, on the complaint of the churchwardens and overseers of *Rhyddlan*, having enquired into the place of her last legal settlement, the justices did thereby, pursuant to the statute &c., adjudge the same to be in the parish of *Llanengan* in the county of *Carnarvon*. Dated 8th June, 1848, and signed and sealed by the two justices.

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Fourth :

" To the Treasurer of the guardians of *The St. Asaph Poor Law Union* in the county of *Ffint*, in which union the parish of *Rhyddlan* is situate ; and to the Treasurer of the Guardians of *The Pwllheli Poor Law Union* in the county of *Carnarvon*, in which union the parish of *Llanengan* is situate ; and to the overseers of the poor of the said parish of *Llanengan*. County of *Ffint*, to wit. Whereas *Dinah Jones*, a single woman" &c. (reciting the removal of the lunatic under the first order, and also the second and third orders): " These are therefore to order you, the treasurer of the guardians of the *Pwllheli Poor Law Union*, in which union" &c., "to pay to the Treasurer of the Guardians of the *St. Asaph Poor Law Union*, in which union" &c., 6*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*, expenses of examination and conveyance, and 26*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*, paid by the overseers of *Rhyddlan* to the treasurer &c. of the asylum, for lodging, maintenance, &c., and to pay to the treasurer &c. of the asylum the reasonable charges of lodging, &c., from the date of the order, so long as the pauper should be confined. Dated 8th June, 1848. Signed and sealed by the same two justices.

The notice and several of the grounds of appeal were set out in the case. The fortieth and forty-first were as follows.

Fortieth. Because the said *Ruth Jones*, the mother of the said *Dinah Jones*, is legally settled in the said parish of *Rhyddlan* ; and because the said *Dinah Jones* is legally settled in the said parish of *Rhyddlan*, her mother's said settlement therein being legally communicated to her.

Forty-first. Because, at the time, and for forty days next previous to the time, of the making of the

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said first mentioned order of *W. S. Conwy* (if any such order hath been made), the said *Ruth Jones* was legally entitled to, and in possession of, a certain freehold tenement, situated in the said parish of *Rhyddlan*, and because the said *Ruth Jones* has been resident in the said parish of *Rhyddlan* for forty days next previous to and up to the time of the making of the first mentioned order of *W. S. Conwy* (if any &c.), and because the said *Dinah Jones* then was and now is unemancipated from her said mother.

On the hearing of the appeal, it appeared that the respondent parish was included in the *St. Asaph* Poor Law Union at the time of the making of the order of *W. S. Conwy*, dated 11th *July* 1846, for the confinement of the said lunatic pauper. And it also appeared that the lunatic pauper was brought before *W. S. Conwy* at the instance and by the authority of the relieving officer of the said union. But it was not proved that any previous order had been made by *W. S. Conwy* requiring the said relieving officer to bring her before him.

It was contended by the appellant parish, under certain grounds of appeal (a), that the order of *W. S. Conwy*, for confining the lunatic, was bad, because it did not appear, on the face of that order or the examination, that the lunatic pauper had been brought before *W. S. Conwy* by the relieving officer of the *St. Asaph* Poor Law Union by virtue of a previous order under the hand and seal of the said *W. S. Conwy*, requiring such relieving officer to bring her before

(a) These raised the disputed points in various forms. It has not been thought necessary to set out any but the 40th and 41st.

him in pursuance of the provisions contained in the Act, &c. Queen's Bench.
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And it was also contended, under another ground of appeal, that the said order for the confinement of the lunatic was bad, because it did not appear, on the face of the examination, that legal evidence had been given before *W. S. Conway*, before he made his said order, that she was chargeable to the respondent parish at the time of the making of the last mentioned order. The QUEEN
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And it was also contended, under other grounds of appeal, that the said order was bad on the face of it, because it was not, as they contended, made, signed and directed according to the form of the Schedule (E.) No. 1. annexed to stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 126*.

And it was further contended, under other grounds of appeal, on behalf of the appellants, that, inasmuch as the last mentioned order of *W. S. Conway* was (as the appellants contended) bad for all or some or one of the reasons or grounds above mentioned, all the other orders above set out and made subsequent thereto, or founded thereon, were also null and void in law, as being made without jurisdiction or foundation to make the same.

The Sessions overruled the said several objections, subject to the opinion of the Court of Queen's Bench on the validity of the objections.

It was further contended, on behalf of the appellants, under other grounds of appeal, that the order of *W. S. Conway* and *E. L. Richards*, of maintenance, dated 8th *June* 1848, was bad in law on the face thereof, because the complaint, stated in the last mentioned order to have been made by the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the respondent parish,

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was insufficient in law to warrant the making of the last mentioned order.

The Sessions overruled the said objection to the last mentioned order, and held that the same was good in law on the face thereof, subject to the opinion of the Court of Queen's Bench on the said objection thereto.

The Sessions then proceeded to hear the merits of the settlement of the lunatic; and it was proved before them, by the respondents, that the pauper was born in *July* 1811: that she was then settled in the appellant parish (under a derivative settlement from her father), and retained such settlement up to the time of her removal to the lunatic asylum as hereinafter mentioned, unless the Sessions were warranted in adjudging that she had lost the same, and acquired a new settlement, under the circumstances hereinafter mentioned. And it was also proved that, from the time of her birth until her removal to the lunatic asylum as hereinafter mentioned, she resided with her mother *Ruth Jones*, widow, her father having died in 1817: and that, in 1846, the pauper, having become lunatic, was removed to *Haydock Lodge* lunatic asylum, under the order of the said *W. S. Conway*, of 11th *July* 1846, hereinbefore mentioned.

In answer to this case of the respondents, the appellants, under the fortieth and forty-first grounds of appeal, undertook to shew that the derivative settlement of the lunatic from her father had been superseded by a subsequent derivative settlement under her mother, acquired after the father's death. And they proposed to prove, by the verbal cross examination of the said *Ruth Jones*, the pauper's mother, that, in

1841, the said *Ruth Jones* acquired a settlement by the purchase of a freehold estate in the respondent parish, and a residence thereunder; and that the said lunatic also acquired such settlement in right of her mother. It was contended, on behalf of the respondents, that the appellants were not at liberty, under the fortieth and forty-first grounds of appeal, to give evidence of the said alleged settlement by purchase of the said estate, inasmuch as the last mentioned grounds of appeal were not sufficiently explicit, and did not furnish the respondents with sufficient information as to any such settlement. And it was also objected that the evidence offered, being the parol evidence of the pauper's mother, was inadmissible without producing or accounting for the deed or deeds of conveyance of the said freehold estate.

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The Sessions were of opinion that the fortieth and forty-first grounds of appeal were sufficiently explicit to entitle the appellants to give in evidence the subsequent settlement by estate, and that the parol evidence of *Ruth Jones* was admissible for this purpose: and they received the evidence, and held, upon the verbal statement of *Ruth Jones*, that she had acquired an estate by the purchase of a freehold house and premises in the respondent parish for a sum exceeding 30*l.*, and by a residence in the parish; and that the pauper was settled in the respondent parish by a derivative settlement from her mother. And they quashed the order of maintenance, upon the merits of the said settlement, subject to the opinion of the Court on this case.

If this Court should be of opinion that the appellants were not entitled, under the fortieth and forty-

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first grounds of appeal, to give in evidence subsequent settlement by estate in the parish, then the said order of maintenance confirmed, upon the merits of the said settlement the said order of Sessions quashed; unless the court should be of opinion that the said order of maintenance appealed against was bad by reason of the objections which had been previously made by the appellants to the said first mentioned settlement, or by reason of the statement in the complaint in the said order of maintenance; in which case the said order of Sessions was to be quashed, by reason of such objections so invalidating the same, the said order of Sessions to stand confirmed.

Townsend, in support of the order of Sessions, objected to the preliminary proceedings being material, if the Sessions were right in their decision upon the merits of the settlement under the fortieth ground of appeal. Those grounds of appeal were:—The fortieth ground shews that a derivation of title from the mother was relied on: and the nature of that settlement with such derivation was such and that it was intended to prove a settlement of ownership of a freehold estate. The settlement shews residence. No greater preciseness than in *Regina v. Melksham (a)*. It does not

(a) *Wednesday, June 4th, 1845.* The Sessions confirmed an order for the removal of a pauper to *Wiltshire*, subject to a case. By the examination of the settlement in *Melksham* was insisted upon, on the ground of settlement by estate, secondly, of relief. The second ground of appeal was, As to the first, the pauper in his examination

estate was purchased : no deed is shewn. An equitable estate would be sufficient for the settlement.

The Court then called on

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G. Hayes and *E. Beavan*, contra. The fortieth and forty-first grounds of appeal are insufficient; for they omit to state the essential particulars of the settlement to be relied on, and afford the respondents no sufficient means of inquiry. A settlement by estate may arise by the act of the party, or by act of law. In the former case, by stat. 9 G. 1. c. 7. s. 5., purchase money to the amount of 30*l.* must be actually paid: in the latter case, the value is immaterial. The grounds ought to have shewn that in the present case it was intended to rely on a settlement by purchase, and on payment of the requisite purchase money, as one of the essential ingredients of that description of settlement, or to have

settled in *Melksham*, by having inherited a cottage from his (the father's) father, where the pauper's father had resided for several years previous and up to his death, on which the cottage descended to the pauper as his eldest son; and that the pauper had never occupied the cottage nor resided forty days in *Melksham*. The question reserved was, whether the examinations shewed a settlement in *Melksham*.

Pasley, in support of the order of Sessions. The value is immaterial, and so is the residence, the settlement being by an estate inherited.

Hodges, contra. The nature of the tenure should have been shewn. If the mere possession is relied upon, the time should have been stated. [*Patterson J.* It has always been thought that a fee might be inferred from possession, if nothing more appeared.] *Hodges* then declined to press the objection farther.

Lord DENMAN C. J. The Sessions have done right in every thing except granting a case.

PATTERSON, WILLIAMS and COLERIDGE Js. concurred.

Order confirmed.

From the notes of *R. Hall*, Esq. The case was cited, on the argument, from 2 *New Sess. Ca.* 40.

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alleged that the estate came by act of law. It has been established by many decisions that all the essential ingredients of the settlement must be expressly stated; *Regina v. Old Stratford* (a), *Regina v. North Bovey* (b), *Regina v. Stoneleigh* (c), *Regina v. Stowford* (d), *Regina v. The Justices of the Eastern Division of Sussex* (e).

The Court then called upon counsel for the appellants to resume their argument.

Townsend, Foulkes and Wynn, in support of the order. The present case is distinguishable from those cited, because the fortieth ground shews that the pauper acquired a derivative legal settlement from her mother; and this alone would be sufficient. But, even if that were not so, the forty-first ground gives sufficient notice of the nature of the mother's settlement; and since stat. 11 & 12 *Vict. c. 31.* the Court will be less strict than formerly in construing grounds of appeal; more especially in a case like the present, where the Sessions have adjudicated on the merits. Further, the original order for confining the pauper was defective; and this is a good ground of appeal. Sect. 48 of stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 126.* prescribes the mode of proceeding in the case of pauper lunatics. The relieving officer of the union is to give notice to the magistrate in the first instance; and the magistrate is thereupon to issue an order under his hand and seal, directing the lunatic to be brought before him. No such notice appears to have been given, or order made,

(a) 2 Q. B. 513.

(b) 2 Q. B. 500.

(c) 2 Q. B. 530.

(d) 2 Q. B. 526.

(e) 10 A. & E. 682.

in this case; and the order for confining the lunatic was therefore irregular, and coram non judice. And, again, as that order was the foundation of the subsequent orders of settlement and maintenance, the whole proceedings must be invalid for want of original jurisdiction. [*Cole-ridge J.* If the lunatic were in the asylum, might not two justices make an order adjudicating the settlement under sect. 58, without inquiring as to the mode in which the lunatic had been originally sent thither? Would any irregularity in the preliminary proceedings affect their power to adjudicate?] They would not have such power, because the pauper would be in illegal custody. When a particular statutory form of proceeding is directed, any material departure from it is fatal; *Davison v. Gill (a)*.

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PATTERSON J. The fortieth and forty-first grounds of appeal are insufficient. At first I thought differently; but the decisions with respect to other kinds of settlement remove all doubt. It has been decided that, in cases of hiring and service, and renting a tenement, it is not sufficient merely to say that a settlement was acquired by hiring and service, or renting a tenement in the parish: but every circumstance necessary to constitute the settlement must be stated. So here it was not enough merely to state that the pauper's mother was entitled to and in possession of a freehold tenement, and resided forty days in the parish: it should have been shewn how and when the estate was acquired, and, if by purchase, whether purchase money to the amount of 30*l.* had been paid. But the present

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grounds of appeal do not even shew whether the estate was acquired by purchase or by act of law. With respect to the other point which has been argued, the question is, whether it was necessary, in order to give jurisdiction, that there should have been, in the first instance, an information by the relieving officer, and an order under the hand and seal of the magistrate, requiring the relieving officer to bring the pauper before him? It appears from the case that, in point of fact, the pauper was taken before the magistrate at the instance and by authority of the relieving officer; but it is contended that she was so taken without due legal authority. Admitting this to have been the fact, I think it did not affect the authority of the magistrate when the lunatic was brought before him; and that the provisions of the statute as to preliminary proceedings were meant as directions to the relieving officer, and not for the purpose of conferring jurisdiction on the justice. When the lunatic is brought before him, I think that he has jurisdiction to make the necessary inquiries, and the order for confinement; and that neither this order nor the orders of settlement and maintenance can be affected by any preliminary irregularity on the part of the relieving officer.

COLERIDGE J. As to the first point, I am clearly of opinion that, not only upon the authorities, but upon the broadest principles of justice, these grounds of appeal are insufficient, and do not give the respondents the information necessary for enabling them to make inquiries about the merits of the settlement intended to be relied on. The grounds merely shew that the pauper's mother was entitled to and in posses-

tion of a freehold estate, without giving any information as to the mode in which it had been acquired.

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In some cases of settlement by estate value is material, and in others not. And, this being the case of a settlement by purchase, the grounds ought to have shewn that such was the fact, and to have afforded such information as would have enabled the respondents to inquire into the question of the amount and payment of the purchase money. On the other point, I am of the same opinion as my Brother *Patteson*, and think the jurisdiction of the magistrate is not affected by any irregularity in the mode in which the lunatic is brought before him.

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ERLE J. I agree in thinking the grounds insufficient. They ought to give such information as may fairly enable the opposite parties to understand the real nature of the settlement which is to be relied on, and go to the Sessions prepared with counter evidence, where they dispute it. The present grounds of appeal do not state the nature of the title to the land, nor how nor when it was acquired. As to the objection which has been raised to the jurisdiction to make the orders, I think that the provisions of the 48th section as to the mode of bringing the lunatic before the magistrate are directory only. I also think that, in the present case, there should, at all events, be a presumption of jurisdiction until the contrary appears. The parties are of course not to be precluded from inquiring into any material facts, as, for instance, whether the lunatic was a chargeable pauper or not: but here, with respect to the preliminary proceedings, the Sessions merely state that it was not

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proved before them that any previous order had been made directing the lunatic to be brought before the magistrate. I therefore think the Sessions were right in overruling the preliminary objections, but wrong in going into evidence of the settlement under the fortieth and forty-first grounds of appeal.

Order of Sessions quashed (*a*).

(*a*) The Reporters are indebted to *G. Hayes, Esq.* for the above report.
See the two preceding and the next three cases.

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Stat. 12 & 13
Vict. c. 103.
s. 5., which
throws, in cer-
tain cases, the
expenses of
removing a
pauper lunatic
to an asylum,
and maintain-
ing him there,
on the Union
comprising the
parish which
would be liable
but for the sta-
tute, applies
only when the
lunatic has been
placed in the
asylum under
an order of
justices: not
when he has
been removed
under the order
of an officiat-
ing clergyman
and a parish
officer.

ON appeal against an order of two justices, directing the churchwardens and overseers of the parish of *St. Leonard, Shoreditch*, in *Middlesex*, to pay to the churchwardens and overseers of *St. Bartholomew the Less*, in the city of *London*, divers sums of money for the lodging, maintenance, &c., of *Mary Leach*, a lunatic pauper, during the time she should be insane and confined in a licensed house, situate at *Peckham* in *Surrey*, the Sessions confirmed the order, subject to the opinion of this Court on the following case.

The pauper lunatic, having resided for more than five years with her daughter in the parish of *Saint Bride* in the *West London* Union without having received relief from that or any other parish, became ill; and, in consequence of such illness, was, on 29th *May* 1851, admitted into the hospital of *Saint Bartholomew*, situate in the parish of *Saint Bartholomew the Less*, in the same Union. When she went to the said hospital,

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she intended to return to her daughter's: but, after having been in the hospital about ten days, she became insane there; upon which her said daughter, *Sarah Barber*, applied to the Guardians of the poor of the *West London Union* for assistance to remove her from the hospital; and on that occasion they gave her 2s. 6d. for the hire of a cab, and made an order for the admission of the lunatic into their union workhouse. And accordingly, in pursuance of the directions of the said Guardians, she was, on 10th *June* 1851, removed from the hospital to and admitted into the union workhouse, situate in *West Smithfield*, in the city of *London*, where she remained until 21st *June* 1851; when, by an order under the hands of an officiating clergyman of the parish of *Saint Bride* and the relieving officer of the said *West London Union*, she was removed to a lunatic asylum situate at *Peckham*, in the county of *Surrey*. The union workhouse is the workhouse of the parish of *Saint Bride*, as well for *Saint Bartholomew the Less*; and the cost of her maintenance therein was charged by the Guardians of the latter parish. On 9th *August* 1851, the overseers of *Saint Bartholomew the Less* obtained an order of justices, adjudging the place of the last legal settlement of the lunatic to be in the parish of *Saint Leonard, Shoreditch*: and the overseers of that parish were thereby ordered and directed to pay for the past and future maintenance of the lunatic.

The parish officers of *Saint Leonard Shoreditch* did not deny that the settlement was in their parish, but intended that, the pauper having resided in the parish of *Saint Bride* for more than five years without re-

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ceiving relief; the cost of maintaining her ought to be a charge on the common fund of the union.

If the Court of Queen's Bench should be of opinion that, under the above circumstances, the order of maintenance was legally made upon *Saint Leonard's Shoreditch*, the order of Sessions was to be confirmed: but, if the Court should be of opinion that the maintenance of the lunatic should be charged to the common fund of the *West London Union*, then the order of Sessions was to be quashed.

Huddleston, in support of the order of Sessions. The parish of *St. Leonard*, being the parish of the settlement, must, under stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 126. s. 62.*, pay the expenses, unless they are thrown on the Union by stat. 12 & 13 *Vict. c. 103. s. 5.* But that clause applies only to the expenses, including both removal and maintenance (*a*), of "a lunatic pauper who shall have been or shall be removed under any such order to any asylum" &c. "Such order," by reference to the beginning of the section, is "any order of justices." Here the order is only under the hands of the officiating clergyman and the relieving officer, under stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 126. s. 48.*

Bodkin, contra. The 5th section of stat. 12 & 13 *Vict. c. 103.* ought not to receive the strict interpretation suggested. The intention of the Legislature was to provide different modes of removing lunatic paupers to proper asylums, and then to have them treated, as far as possible, in analogy with the treat-

(a) See *Overseers of Wigtan v. Overseers of Snaith*, 16 Q. B. 496.

ment of ordinary paupers. It cannot have contemplated that any difference in the disposal of and provision for lunatics once lodged in an asylum should depend upon the mode in which they had been brought **thither**. The case of a lunatic pauper who is too ill **to** be taken before the justices appears not to have **been** particularly provided for.

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Lord CAMPBELL C. J. It is admitted that the justices here had power to make the order on the parish of the settlement, or else on the Union. Now, before stat. 12 & 13 *Vict. c. 103.*, the order would have been on the parish of the settlement. Mr. *Bodkin* relies on sect. 5 of that statute: and, if that enactment applies, the order should be made on the union. But, whatever the real intention of the Legislature was, we must judge of it only from the words employed. I certainly cannot see why the enactment should be confined to the case of a removal by justices; but I find it expressly so confined. The words "any such order" must be referred to "any order of justices," as the last antecedent. Therefore, where, as here, the pauper lunatic has been removed only by the order of the clergyman and the relieving officer, the case stands as before stat. 12 & 13 *Vict. c. 103.*

COLERIDGE, WIGHTMAN and CROMPTON Js. concurred.

Order of Sessions confirmed (a).

(a) See the three preceding and the next two cases.

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By stat. 8 & 9
Vict. c. 126.
s. 62., when a
pauper has been
sent by order
of justices, &c.,
to a lunatic
asylum, and is
afterwards ad-
judged to be
settled in a
parish or union
other than that
from which he
was sent, two
justices may
make an order
upon the guar-
dians or over-
seers of the first
mentioned pa-
rish or union
for payment to
the guardians
or overseers of
the other parish
or union of all
expenses "in-
curred by" them
"in or about
the examination
of such lunatic,
and his convey-
ance to the
asylum," "and
of all moneys
paid by" them
to the proprie-
tor of the asy-
lum "for the
lodging, main-
tenance," &c. "of such lunatic, and incurred within twelve calendar months previous to the date of such order."

IN *Michaelmas* term 1849, *Pashley* obtained a rule nisi to quash the following order, returned to the Court on certiorari.

The order, dated 27th *December*, 1848, was made by two justices in and for the county of *Nottingham*, in which the parish of *Bulwell* after mentioned was situate. It recited, first, an order made by one of the said justices, dated 25th *November* 1846, directing the Superintendent of the lunatic asylum in and for the said county to receive *Ann Brown*, a pauper, into that asylum. Secondly, an order of the said two justices, dated 27th *December*, 1848, whereby, after stating that, by virtue of the previous order, *Ann Brown* had been conveyed from the parish of *Bulwell* in the Union of *Basford*, in the counties of *Nottingham* and *Derby*, to the said asylum, and had ever since been and then was confined therein; and that the said two last mentioned justices had enquired into the settlement of the said *Ann Brown*, and satisfactory evidence had been given before them that her last legal settlement was then in the township and chapelry of *Winster* in the parish of *Youlgrave*, in the Union of *Bakewell* in the county of *Derby*, the said

Held that the limitation to twelve months applies to the expenses of lodging, maintenance, &c., but not to those of examination and conveyance. And an order for payment of both classes of expenses, not shewing when any part had been incurred, but only that they had been paid within the preceding twelve months, was, on certiorari, quashed as to the expenses of lodging, maintenance, &c., but not as to those of conveyance and examination.

When orders have been returned to a certiorari, and their validity is argued on the return, it is too late to urge that the objections to the order were not specified in the rule for a certiorari.

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two justices adjudged that the settlement of *Ann Brown* was in the said township and chapelry of *Winster*. The order of 27th *December* 1848 then proceeded:

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“ And whereas complaint hath been made to us ” &c. (the two justices making this order) “ by the guardians of the *Basford* Poor Law Union, in which the said parish of *Bulwell* is situate, that they have incurred great expense in and about the examination of the said *Ann Brown*, and in and about her conveyance to the said asylum, and that they have paid divers sums of money to the treasurer of the said asylum for the lodging, maintenance, medicine, clothing and care of the said *Ann Brown* in the said asylum, where she hath ever since been confined at the charge and expense of the said *Basford* Union, and the said guardians of the said *Basford* Union therefore now make application unto us ” for an order upon the treasurer of the guardians of the said *Bakewell* Union “ for payment to the treasurer of them the said guardians of the said *Basford* Union of the amount of the said expenses, and of the moneys so paid by them to the treasurer of the asylum as aforesaid : And, it being now satisfactorily proved unto us the said last mentioned justices upon oath that the said guardians of the poor of the said *Basford* Union have heretofore, and within twelve calendar months before the making of this order, paid the following sums in respect of the said *Ann Brown*, that is to say, the sum of 20*l.*, being the reasonable expenses incurred by the said *Basford* Union in and about the examination of such lunatic and their conveying of her to the said asylum, and also the further sum of 20*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.*, being the amount of the several sums which by the treasurer of the said guardians of the said *Basford* Union have been paid to the said treasurer of the said asylum for the reasonable charges for the lodging, maintenance, medicine, clothing and care of such lunatic in the said asylum : We do therefore order you the said treasurer ” &c. (of the *Bakewell* Union) “ to pay to the treasurer ” &c. (of the *Basford* Union) “ the said several sums of 20*s.* and 20*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.*, making in the whole the sum of 21*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.* And we do further order you ” &c. (the treasurer of the *Bakewell* Union) “ to pay to the said treasurer of the said asylum the sum of 14*s.*, being the weekly sum now fixed by the committee of visitors of the said asylum, or such other sum as the said committee shall hereafter from time to time fix in that behalf, weekly and every week from the 27th day of *December* 1848 for and during so long time as the said lunatic *Ann Brown* shall be confined in the said asylum under the said order as aforesaid ; the said weekly sum of 14*s.* appearing to us to be a reasonable charge for the future lodging, maintenance,” &c. “ of the said lunatic. Given ” &c.

Denison now shewed cause. First. The objections to the order are not specified in the rule for a certiorari

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according to stat. 11 & 12 *Vict. c. 31. s. 6.*, which, on reference to stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 126. s. 62.*, must be considered as extending to orders of this kind. Notice of the points relied upon was not given till the service of the rule nisi to quash. [Lord *Campbell* C. J. You are not now shewing cause against the rule for a certiorari. The question you raise as to the time of notice ought to have been before us by affidavit.] Then as to the order. It is objected, as to the sum of 20*s.*, that the expenses, to this amount, do not appear to have been, according to stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 126. s. 62. (a)*, “incurred within twelve calendar months previous to the date of such order.” But the words of the act do not impose this limit, as to the costs of examination and conveyance. [Lord *Campbell* C. J. The words “incurred within” &c. may override all that precedes.] That is not a reasonable grammatical construction; nor was it adopted in *Regina v. Wolverhampton (b)*, where *Coleridge* J. expressed an opinion against it. As to the 20*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.*: the expenses of lodging, maintenance, &c. are within the restriction as to twelve months; and the objection is that these costs are in the order said to have been “paid,” but not said to have been “incurred,” within twelve months. But, when it appears that the guardians paid these within the time, it is reasonable to suppose that they were incurred within it. The language must be construed popularly. There is no affidavit that the expenses were in fact so incurred that the magistrates had not jurisdiction to allow them: and, the question being one which involves the jurisdiction itself, affidavits on the

(a) For the material words of this clause see p. 324., note (h), *antè*.

(b) *Antè*, p. 318. 326.

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override all that precedes as to payment. [Lord Campbell C. J. For the latter class of payments, in respect of lodging, maintenance, &c., an order could always be obtained within the limited period; the former class, if within the same limitation, might never be recoverable.] The Legislature did not intend that questions of account should be opened upon events long gone by. Sect. 62 introduces a special power of charging parishes with certain costs retrospectively; a new charge is not to be extended.

Lord CAMPBELL C. J. It is a new charge, but also a new relief. This is a good order for the 20s., and so far as the order is prospective. As to the rest, the adjudication of costs of lodging and maintenance, &c., without limit in respect of the time during which they were incurred, cannot be supported: the order must be quashed as to that; not as to the residue.

PATTESON J. concurred.

WIGHTMAN J. The expenses for which 20s. are here charged stand upon a distinct principle. Such expenses may consist of one item, once incurred: the other class are in their nature continuing, and may require to be limited to the period of one year. Taking this view of the subject, sect. 62 may be rendered quite consistent. When it speaks of the expenses attendant on examination and conveyance, the language is quite general; when it speaks of the maintenance, lodging and clothing, we find words restricting the allowance to a period of twelve months: and it seems to me that these words are confined to the latter part of the clause. The magistrates here have not used words bringing their

allowance of the latter class of expenses within the prescribed limit of twelve months. They may in fact have been incurred during a longer period: and we cannot speculate whether they were so or not.

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ERLE J. concurred.

Rule absolute to quash the order as to 20*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.* (a).

(a) See the next, and the four preceding cases.

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THE officers of the parish of *Minster* in *Cornwall* appealed, at Quarter Sessions, against the following order.

It is no valid objection to an order of maintenance made, under stat. 8 & 9 *Vict.* c. 126. s. 62., on a parish adjudged to be the last legal settlement of a pauper lunatic confined in an asylum, that the lunatic is not, on the face of the order, found to be chargeable to the parish whence he was removed, if the order shews that in fact the lunatic has been maintained in the asylum at the expense of such parish.

"*Cornwall*, to wit. To the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of *Lanteglos by Camelford*, in the county of *Cornwall*, and to *Thomas Forster*, Esq., treasurer of the guardians of the poor of *The Camelford Union*, in the said county of *Cornwall*. Whereas, by a certain order of *Samuel Chilcott*, clerk, one of Her Majesty's justices" &c. "of *Cornwall*, made on the 17th day of *July* 1847, and directed to the superintendent of the lunatic asylum in and for the county of *Cornwall*, reciting: That the said *Samuel Chilcott*, having called to his assistance a surgeon, and having personally examined *Joanna Davey*, a pauper, and being satisfied that the said *J. D.* was an insane person, and a proper person to be confined, the said *S. C.* thereby directed the said superintendent of" &c. "to removed, if the order shews that in fact the lunatic has been maintained in the asylum at the expense of such parish.

Nor that notice of such chargeability has not been sent to the parish on which the order is made: and, if this were necessary, it would be enough to send the examinations on which the order was made, if they shew the chargeability.

Nor that the medical certificate, annexed to the order for removal to the asylum, varies from the form in Schedule (E.) No. 1. of stat. 8 & 9 *Vict.* c. 126., in not stating the place of abode of the person signing it, or that he was a fellow or licentiate of the College of Physicians or a graduate in Medicine, or a member of the College of Surgeons, or an apothecary authorised by the Apothecaries' Company.

The confinement of the lunatic does not become unlawful by reason of such irregularity, where it does not appear that there was in fact no qualification, or that the residence was in fact not known: and the existence of the qualification, and the fact of the residence being known, may be inferred from the examinations.

The confinement existing *de facto*, and not being unlawful, the jurisdiction of the justices to adjudicate on the settlement, and to make an order of maintenance, arises.

The keeper of the asylum incurs responsibility by receiving the lunatic without a regular medical certificate; but, having so received him, is bound to continue the confinement until the lunatic is discharged.

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receive the said *Joanna Davey*, as a patient, into the said asylum. whereas, by a certain other order, under the hands and seals of us undersigned, *John Braddon*, Esquire, and *Samuel Chilcott*, clerk, two of Her Majesty's justices" &c. "of *Cornwall*, in which county the asylum is situate, bearing even date herewith, after reciting the said mentioned order, and reciting that the said *J. B.* and *S. C.* had then, pursuance of the statute" &c., "inquired into the last legal settlement of the said *J. D.*, so ordered to be confined in the said asylum as aforesaid and, satisfactory evidence upon oath being then given before us that the parish of *Minster*, in the county of *Cornwall*, is the place of the last legal settlement of the said *J. D.*, we, the said *J. B.* and *S. C.*, justices aforesaid, did thereby adjudge that the said parish of *Minster* was the place of the last legal settlement of the said *J. D.*: And whereas the said parish of *Minster* is one of the parishes included and comprised in the said *Camelford Union*: And whereas complaint hath been made unto us, the said *J. B.* and *S. C.*, two of Her Majesty's justices" &c. "of *Cornwall* as aforesaid, in which said county the parish of *Lanteglos by Camelford*, from which the said *J. D.* was sent to the said lunatic asylum, is situate, by the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish of *Lanteglos by Camelford*, that they, on behalf of the said parish of *Lanteglos by Camelford*, have incurred great expense in and about the examination of the said *J. D.*, and in and about her conveyance to the said asylum, and that they have paid divers sums of money to the treasurer of the said asylum for the lodging, maintenance, medicine, clothing and care of the said *J. D.* in the said asylum, where she hath ever since been and now is confined at the charge and expense of the said parish of *Lanteglos by Camelford*: And the said churchwardens" &c. "of *Lanteglos by Camelford* therefore now make application unto us, the said justices, for an order upon the treasurer of the guardians of the poor of the said *Camelford Union*, in which" &c., "for payment, to the said churchwardens and overseers" &c. "of *Lanteglos by Camelford*, of the amount of the said expenses and of the moneys so paid by them to the treasurer of the said asylum as aforesaid: And it being now satisfactorily proved unto us the said justices, upon oath, that the said churchwardens and overseers" &c. "of *Lanteglos by Camelford* have heretofore, and within twelve calendar months before the making of this order, paid the following sums in respect of the said lunatic *J. D.*, that is to say, the sum of 1*l.* 12*s.* 10½*d.*, being the reasonable expenses incurred by the said parish of *Lanteglos by Camelford* in and about the examination of the said lunatic and the conveying of her to the said asylum, and also the further sum of 7*l.* 18*s.*, being the amount of the several sums which by or on behalf of the said churchwardens" &c. "of *Lanteglos by Camelford* have been hitherto paid to the treasurer of the said asylum for the reasonable charges of the lodging," &c. (as before) "of the said lunatic in the said asylum: We do therefore order you, the treasurer of the guardians of the

poor of the said *Camelford Union*, to pay forthwith unto the church-wardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish of *Lanteglos by Camelford* the said several sums of 1*l.* 12*s.* 10½*d.* and 7*l.* 18*s.*, making in the whole the sum of 9*l.* 10*s.* 10½*d.* And we do further order you, the said treasurer" &c., "also to pay, weekly and every week, unto the treasurer of the said asylum the sum of 7*s.*, or such other sum as the committee of visitors of the said asylum shall hereafter fix, for the future lodging, maintenance, medicine, clothing and care of the said lunatic *J. D.*, during such time as such lunatic shall remain and be confined in the said asylum: which said weekly sum of 7*s.* hath been this day duly proved on oath to be the weekly sum now fixed by the committee of visitors of the said asylum, and appears to us the said justices to be a reasonable charge in that behalf. Given" &c. (9th February 1848). Signed and sealed by the two justices.

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The Sessions confirmed the order, subject to the opinion of this Court on a case which, so far as regards the points decided, was as follows.

The grounds of appeal were (amongst others):

4th. "That the order appealed against is bad, because it does not appear on the face thereof that the alleged lunatic was chargeable to *Lanteglos by Camelford* at the time she was ordered to be removed from thence to the lunatic asylum."

(The 5th ground was abandoned at the commencement of the argument.)

7th. That "the medical certificate, attached to the said order of 17th *July*, on which (amongst other documents) the justices acted when they made the order now appealed against, is bad on the face thereof, inasmuch as it is not made according to the form contained in the schedule (E.) No. 1. annexed to stat. 8 & 9 *Vict.* c. 126.; it not being stated in such certificate that *E. L. West*, who signed the same, was a fellow or licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians in *London*, or a graduate in medicine of any University, or a member of the Royal College of Surgeons in *London*,

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or an apothecary duly authorised to practise by the *Apothecaries' Company* in *London*; and because the place of abode of the said *E. L. W.* is not stated on the said certificate."

11th. "That a notice in writing of the alleged lunatic being chargeable to your said parish of *Lanteglos Camelford* was not sent by you to us with the duplicate of the said order now appealed against, and the copy of the examinations on which such last mentioned order was made."

The following is a copy of the medical certificate.

"I, *Edward Lawrence West*, being a surgeon, do hereby certify that I have this day personally examined *Joanna Davey*, the person named in the accompanying statement and order, and that the said *Joanna Davey* is an insane person, and a proper person to be confined (Signed) "*Edward Lawrence West*. Dated the 17th day of *July* 1847."

It was admitted by the respondents, on the hearing of the appeal, that they had not sent to the appellants any notice of the said pauper being chargeable to or relieved in the respondent parish, unless such notice was sent by the said respondents having sent to the appellants a duplicate of the order appealed against, and a copy of the examinations.

The case then set out the order (as above), and the examinations; the material parts of which were as follows.

James Davey, father of the lunatic, deposed that he was twenty-nine years old, and that, some little time before *July* 1847, "my said child *Joanna* being the lunatic, I applied to the board of guardians of the *Camelford* Union for an order for my daughter to go

the asylum; and, on" 21st *July* 1847, "she was removed from my home at" &c., "in the said parish of *Lanteglos by Camelford*, by Mr. *George Eggins*, to the county lunatic asylum," "by an order under the hand of *Samuel Chilcott*, Clerk," one of the justices &c., "and she is now confined therein. I know Mr. *Edward West*, of *Camelford*, surgeon. I did not pay him for attending my daughter. I am unable to support my said child *Joanna*, and have not contributed to her maintenance since she has been so confined in the said county lunatic asylum." He further deposed that the pauper had always resided with him as part of his family, and had never done any act to gain a settlement in her own right.

Edward Lawrence West, surgeon, deposed that, previously to 17th *July* 1847, "I visited the said *Joanna Davey*, by the direction of *William Rowe*, relieving officer of the said" (*Camelford*) "Union. I saw her at her father's house. I attended her as a pauper patient."

William Rowe, the said relieving officer, deposed to having given to *E. L. West* "a medical order in writing to attend the said *Joanna Davey*, who was then residing in the said parish of *Lanteglos by Camelford*, and to supply her with necessary medical relief:" and he identified the lunatic as the person mentioned in a certificate of chargeability then produced. The certificate was in the form given by stat. 7 & 8 *Vict. c. 101. schedule (C.)*, under the seal of the Board of Guardians of the *Camelford* Union, dated 4th *February* 1848, whereby they certified that, on 17th *July* 1847, "*Joanna Davey*, single woman, became chargeable to the parish of *Lanteglos by Camelford*, in the said Union, and is still chargeable thereto."

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George Eggens, one of the overseers of *Lanteglos by Camelford*, deposed to having taken the lunatic thence, on the 21st *July* 1847, to the lunatic asylum *Bodmin*.

William Robert Hicks, the domestic superintendent of the asylum, verified Mr. *Chilcott's* order of 17 *July* 1847, and the medical certificate thereto attached; and deposed to having received the lunatic in pursuance of the order, on 21st *July* 1847, into the county lunatic asylum, and that she "has from that time been, and now is, confined therein. The expense of her maintenance in the said asylum has been charged by me to the said parish of *Lanteglos by Camelford*."

Claudius Crigan Hawker, clerk to the Board of Guardians of the *Camelford* Union, deposed to sums paid by or on behalf of the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish of *Lanteglos by Camelford* to the treasurer of the said county lunatic asylum, for the lodging, &c. of the said *Joanna Davey*, incurred within the last twelve calendar months "and charged to the parish of *Lanteglos by Camelford*." There was a further deposition as to expenses incurred and paid.

The only documents ever sent by the respondents to the appellants consisted of the examinations, and duplicate of the order appealed against.

If the Court of Queen's Bench should be of opinion that the above objections, or any or either of them, ought to have prevailed, the order of Sessions and the order of maintenance were to be quashed; otherwise to be confirmed.

The case was argued during Michaelmas term, 1850 (a).

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Butt, in support of the order of Sessions. As to the fourth objection: under stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 126.*, it is not necessary that the justices should state the fact of chargeability. The jurisdiction of the justices attaches on their finding the pauper in the lunatic asylum; and the regularity of the preliminary proceedings will be presumed till the contrary appears; *Regina v. Rhyddlan* (b). And the order shews by inference that the pauper was chargeable, inasmuch as it finds the fact of the payment of expenses for her maintenance, &c. Sects. 58 and 62 state, as the condition of the jurisdiction, simply that the pauper shall have been sent to the lunatic asylum. As to the eleventh objection: no notice of chargeability was necessary. Sect. 79 of stat. 4 & 5 *W. 4. c. 76.* applies only to removals from one parish to another. In *Regina v. Justices of the West Riding* (c) *Williams J.* expressed that opinion, as to the operation of sect. 79 on a provision in stat. 9 *G. 4. c. 40.*: he, however, made the rule for a mandamus absolute; and, on the argument upon the return in *Regina v. Justices of the West Riding* (d), the full Court agreed with him. In *Regina v. Justices of Middlesex* (e), *Wightman J.* questioned the necessity of sending the notice. As to the seventh objection: it is too late now to inquire whether the proper formalities were observed when the lunatic was first sent to the asylum. In substance, the statute is complied with; in the certi-

(a) November 13th. Before Lord Campbell C. J., Coleridge, *Wightman* and *Erle Js.*

(b) *Antè*, p. 327.

(c) Note (a) to *Regina v. Justices of Middlesex*, 5 *Dowl. & L.* 16.

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(e) 5 *Dowl. & L.* 9. 21.

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ificate *West* calls himself "Surgeon:" and, this being merely a matter relating to the means of information possessed by the magistrate who sent the lunatic to the asylum, it may now be presumed that the magistrate satisfied himself of the propriety of the step by legitimate means. [*Erle J.* Were the justices to send the pauper back till a formal certificate could be framed? *Wightman J.* The orders do not recite the certificate at all, but only state that the justice called to his assistance a surgeon, when he ascertained the lunacy and the propriety of confinement.] The appellants are not entitled to make the objection at this stage. [*Cole-ridge J.* They cannot be said to have waived it till they knew of it. Lord *Campbell C. J.* And they know nothing of the matter till they are served with the order of maintenance.] Neither parish is a party to the preliminary steps: it is not a question as to waiver; it is, in what stage of proceedings a formal objection is cured. The certificate itself could not be removed by certiorari. [*Erle J.* referred to *Regina v. Hatfield Peverel (a).*]

Pashley, contra. As to the seventh objection: the intention of the legislature was to protect paupers from being treated as lunatics without full inquiry and evidence. Sect. 57, which makes the pauper chargeable to the parish from which he is sent till he is found to be settled elsewhere, applies only "when any pauper lunatic shall be confined under the provisions of this act;" and the sections that follow must apply in such case only. Sect. 51 expressly prohibits the receiving a pauper into a lunatic asylum without a certificate in

the form in schedule (E.) No. 1.; and sect. 48 makes it essential to the justice's power of ordering the confinement, not only that he shall be satisfied of the lunacy, but that "such physician, surgeon, or apothecary, not being the medical officer of such union or parish, shall sign a certificate according to the form in schedule (E.) No. 1. to this act annexed." That form has the words "being a fellow [or licentiate] of the Royal College of Physicians in *London*, [or a graduate in medicine of the University of &c., or a member of the Royal College of Surgeons in *London*, or an apothecary duly authorised to practise by the Apothecaries' Company in *London*,]." *Regina v. Rhyddlan* (a) decided only that, where the order of maintenance did not shew whether or not the pauper had been brought before the single magistrate on a previous information and order, the order of maintenance was not therefore bad: here the question arises on the order of the single magistrate after the pauper is before him. [*Erle J.* I think the principle of that decision was, that the legislature meant to give jurisdiction to the magistrates of the county where the pauper lunatic was confined; and that their order of maintenance was not invalidated by the absence of any formality in the steps which brought him thither.] The case shews only that the magistrate may send to the asylum though the proceeding to bring the lunatic before him has not been regular. [*Butt* referred to *Regina v. The Guardians of the Carnarvon and Anglesea Union* (b), and *Re-*

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(a) *Ante*, p. 327.

(b) Cited from 3 *New Sess. Ca.* 708. *Wednesday, 28th November 1849.* The case was reserved at Sessions, on appeal from an order for maintenance of a pauper lunatic. The Sessions had quashed the order: and,

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gina v. Wolverhampton (a).] In *Rex v. Great Sal-
held (b)* a female pauper was removed; but the order of
removal was quashed on appeal. While she was in the
parish to which she was wrongly removed, she was de-
livered of a bastard child; and it was held that the
child was settled in the removing parish, on the ground
that this parish could not take advantage of its own
wrong. So, here, if the pauper has been illegally
placed in the lunatic asylum, no right is acquired by
her being so placed. According to the argument on the
other side, the order of Sessions would be right though
there had never been any surgeon's certificate at all.
It is urged that such a certificate cannot be brought
before this Court by certiorari; but that shews that the
question is properly raised by this proceeding and at this
stage. It is true that in *Shuttleworth's Case (c)* this
Court held it unnecessary that there should be a strict
compliance, as to the order and certificates, with the

in support of the order of Sessions, several points were taken which this
Court considered not to be raised by the ground of appeal and the state-
ment of the case. These were abandoned on the argument: but one ob-
jection was pressed: namely, that the magistrate, who sent to the lunatic
hospital, did not by an order require the relieving officer to bring the
lunatic before him, within three days of notice to the magistrate, in pur-
suance of stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 126. s. 48. The Court (*Patteson, Coleridge*
and *Erle Js.*) pointed out that the case did not shew that the magistrate
did not make such an order, but only that the pauper (who, as the case
found, was unfit to be taken before the magistrate) was not brought before
him in that time, nor at all, the magistrate having gone to the pauper on
the 11th day after he received the notice. This point was then no farther
pressed; and the order of Sessions was quashed. *Erle J.* said that he was
inclined to take up the jurisdiction to make an order of maintenance at
the point of the confinement; but that it was not necessary to decide
this, though such a view would probably have a salutary effect by pre-
venting litigation. *Townsend* supported the order of Sessions: *Webb*
and *Aspland*, contra, were not heard.

(a) *Ante*, p. 318.

(b) 6 M. & S. 408.

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requisitions of stat. 8 & 9. *Vict. c. 100. ss. 45, 46.*: but there the question arose upon habeas corpus, and the Court refused to discharge the person confined, inasmuch as the return shewed that she was of unsound mind, and could not safely be at large. It does not follow that an order for the expenses would have been made. In *Lumley's New Lunacy Acts*, p. 177. note 7., it is said that, in order that stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 126. s. 62.* may apply, the pauper lunatic "must have been legally sent, that is, sent in conformity with the previous provisions:" and reference is there made to *Regina v. Justices of Cornwall (a)*, where it was held that an order for payment of expenses could not be made, under sect. 42 of stat. 9 *G. 4. c. 40.*, if the removal to the asylum had been made by an insufficient authority. As to the eleventh objection: there should have been a notice of chargeability. [Lord Campbell C. J. The lunatic must be chargeable to some one.] The question is, whether the provisions of the statute have been so complied with as to give jurisdiction to make the present order. The pauper might be chargeable to the county. [*Erle J.* Suppose she were not chargeable at all.] When a pauper is chargeable, the parish called on to pay^a is entitled to notice. Sect. 62 puts the appeal on the same footing as appeals against orders of removal: and there the want of notice of chargeability is a fatal objection. *Regina v. Justices of the West Riding (b)* (in the Bail Court and in this Court) was a case under stat. 9 *G. 4. c. 40. s. 54.*, where the words are "as appeals against orders of removal are now heard and determined:" and, at the time when that statute passed, there was no necessity for the preliminaries afterwards required by stat.

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(a) 2 *Dowl. & L.* 776.

(b) 5 *D. & L.* 16, note (a). 10 *Q. B.* 763.

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4 & 5 W. 4. c. 76. s. 79. *Wightman J.*, in *Regina v. Justices of Middlesex (a)*, clearly thought that, in some particulars at least, stat. 4 & 5 W. 4. c. 76. was incorporated with stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 126., though not with stat. 9 G. 4. c. 40. And, if the incorporation exist as to some particulars, as the sending the examinations, why not as to the sending notice of chargeability? [*Wightman J.* In all cases the examination would be important: but in many cases no chargeability could exist.] Where it exists, notice ought to be given. It is difficult to see how any order of payment can be made on a parish where the party setting the jurisdiction in motion has not been subjected to charge. Under sect. 62 of stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 126. the provisions of stat. 11 & 12 Vict. c. 31. are incorporated, so far as they are applicable; *Regina v. Justices of Glamorganshire (b)*. That, under stat. 4 & 5 W. 4. c. 76. s. 79. an order of removal may be quashed on appeal for want of a valid and regular notice of chargeability, has often been decided; *Regina v. Brixham (c)*, *Regina v. Westbury (d)*. This answers the objection, that the jurisdiction here is not invalidated by the illegality of the previous steps. As to the fourth objection: the order ought to state the chargeability expressly, this being the basis of the jurisdiction under stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 126. s. 48. Under the old rule of law, the complaint itself must state the chargeability, and this must be recited in the order; *Regina v. St. Giles in the Fields (e)*, the same law was laid down as to the complaint that the pauper has come to inhabit, in *Regina v. Willats (g)*

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(b) 13 Q. B. 561.

(c) 8 A. & E. 375.

(d) 5 Q. B. 500.

(e) 7 Q. B. 529.

(g) 7 Q. B. 516.

Lord CAMPBELL C. J., in *Michaelmas* vacation (*December* 6th) 1850, delivered the judgment of the Court.

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In this case the appellants relied on two objections in respect of chargeability.

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First, that notice of chargeability had not been sent as is required where a pauper is to be removed. This objection fails, because the regulations relating to orders of removal are not applied to orders for maintenance of lunatics, although the regulations relating to appeals against the former orders are applied to appeals against the latter orders. Now the requirement of a notice of chargeability is a regulation relating to removals, and not to appeals against removals. Also, if such notice were necessary, the statement contained in the examinations, that the pauper was chargeable when sent to the asylum, and had been since supported therein at the expense of the parish, would be sufficient.

The second objection was, that there was no adjudication of chargeability; but, as it is adjudged that the pauper had been, from the time of being sent to the asylum to the time of making the order, maintained at the expense of the parish, this objection fails.

The third objection was, that the medical certificate by the surgeon did not follow the form given in schedule (E.) No. 1. of the statute; as that he is not stated to be a member of the Royal College of Surgeons, and his residence is not added; it being contended that the confinement was therefore unlawful, and consequently the order for maintenance made without jurisdiction. But we are of opinion that the confinement did not become unlawful by reason of this irregularity in the form of the medical certificate. The examinations shew that all the substantial facts necessary for sending a pauper lunatic

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the defendants to plead certain matters) be discharged. And “ why the 4th plea should not be struck out, or the ground that the same is insensible except by reference to certain drawings, which by the rules of pleading cannot be placed on record or replied to, or why the said drawings should not be struck out as surplusage: and why the defendants should not elect between the 4th and 5th pleas, and the other of them be struck out: and why the 8th plea should not be struck out: or why the above mentioned rule should not be varied or discharged: and why the defendants’ attorneys should not deliver to the plaintiff’s attorneys or agents a further and better notice of the objections upon which the defendants mean to rely at the trial of this action.”

The declaration recited that the plaintiff and *Alexander Southwood Stocker* were the true and first inventors of the working or making of a certain manner of new manufacture within this realm, to wit a certain invention of improvements in bottles, jars, pots, and other similar vessels, and in the mode of manufacturing, stoppering and covering the same, and which said invention others, at the time of the making of the letters patent after mentioned, did not use. The counts then stated the grant of letters patent to plaintiff and *Stocker*, their executors, &c. and assigns (excuse of profert, the letters patent being lost), with proviso for the patent becoming void if the patentees should not particularly describe and ascertain the nature of their said invention, and in what manner the same was to be performed, by an instrument in writing under their hands and seals or the hand and seal of one of them, and cause the same to be enrolled, &c. within six calendar months next after date of the patent; and it averred that

plaintiff did particularly describe &c. by an instrument in writing &c., and cause the same to be enrolled &c. : and "that there was and still is annexed to the said instrument in writing so enrolled as aforesaid a certain drawing with certain letters and figures marked thereon." The count then stated an assignment by *Stocker* of his interest in the patent to the plaintiff (a) by indenture of *March* 20th 1845 (excuse of profert, the indenture being lost); and that plaintiff has always used, exercised, &c. the said invention. The count then proceeded to charge the defendants with various acts of infringement.

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(a) See *Regina v. Betts*, 15 Q. B. 540.

tics confined or ordered to be confined in an asylum, and sect. 62 applying in all cases of pauper lunatics sent to an asylum when the settlement shall have been adjudged under sect. 58.

As all the objections fail, the order of Sessions is confirmed.

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Order of Sessions confirmed (a).

(a) See the five preceding cases.

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(St. PANCRAAS *against* LAMBETH.)

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WEBSTER, in this term, obtained a rule calling on the defendants to shew cause why an order of Lord Denman C. J., of 10th August last, should not be rescinded, and a rule of Court made thereupon (enabling

A plea which refers for explanation to drawings, not traced on the record but annexed to it, is inadmissible ;

and the Court, on motion (where the pleading related to the specification enrolled by a patentee), ordered such plea to be struck out.

Whether such plea would have been allowable (unless by consent) if the drawings had been traced on the record, *quære*.

In an action for infringing a patent, the defendant, after pleading that the patent was granted on a representation that the invention was an invention of improvements in a specified article, whereas it was not an invention of improvements in such article, and so the patent was void, averred, by another plea, that the supposed invention was not of such use, benefit and advantage to the public as by law required to make it a consideration for granting a patent, whereby the patent was void. The Court, on motion, struck out the latter plea.

In an action for infringing a patent, if the defendant's notice of objections under stat. 5 & 6 W. 4. c. 83. s. 5. (see stat. 15 & 16 Vict. c. 83. s. 41.) is too general to give such information as the plaintiff is entitled to, it is no answer to a motion for better notice that the notice is as specific as the pleas.

plaintiff did particularly describe &c. by an instrument in writing &c., and cause the same to be enrolled &c. : and "that there was and still is annexed to the said instrument in writing so enrolled as aforesaid a certain drawing with certain letters and figures marked thereon." The count then stated an assignment by *Stocker* of his interest in the patent to the plaintiff (a) by indenture of *March* 20th 1845 (excuse of profert, the indenture being lost); and that plaintiff has always used, exercised, &c. the said invention. The count then proceeded to charge the defendants with various acts of infringement.

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certain improvements," &c. "Drawing, No. 1. The figure 1. represents the upper portion or neck of a bottle of compound construction" &c. There were numerous other references to the drawings, by figures and letters. The claim was, of "the manufacture herein described" &c. as specified &c. "in this our specification and drawings." The plea, after setting forth the documents, proceeded: "And the defendants further say that the drawings which are by them the defendants now produced and shewn to the Court here, and which are hereunto annexed, contain and are true copies of the said drawings annexed to the said specification: Without this, that by an instrument in writing under the hand and seal of the said plaintiff, to wit a specification, he the said plaintiff did particularly describe and ascertain the nature of the said supposed invention in the declaration mentioned, and in what manner the same was to be and might be performed, in manner and form" &c.: conclusion to the country. Drawings, such as accompanied the specification, were annexed to the plea.

5. That the said plaintiff and *A. S. Stocker* did not within six calendar months &c. cause any instrument in writing under the hands and seals of the said plaintiff and *A. S. S.*, or under the hand and seal of either of them, particularly describing and ascertaining the nature of the said supposed invention, and in what manner the same was to be performed, to be duly enrolled in Her said Majesty's High Court of Chancery: whereby and by reason and means whereof, heretofore and before the commencement of this suit, and also before the committing of the several supposed grievances &c. or any or either of them or any part thereof, and after the expiration of six calendar

months next and immediately after the date of the said supposed letters patent, to wit on 1st *July* 1845, the said supposed letters patent, license, power, privilege and authority in the declaration mentioned, and all other rights &c. granted by the supposed letters patent, utterly ceased, determined and became void.
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6. That the supposed specification in the declaration mentioned was an instrument in the words, letters and figures, and with such drawings thereunto annexed, as in defendant's 4th plea set forth: and that *Betts* and *Stocker* were not, at the time of the making of the letters patent, the true and first inventors of the supposed invention in the declaration mentioned; whereby and by reason and means whereof the supposed letters patent &c., heretofore and before the committing &c., to wit on the day of the making of the supposed letters patent &c., became and were and are null, void, &c.
Verification.

7. That the specification was an instrument &c. (as in plea 6, down to "set forth"): and that, before the making of the supposed letters patent, to wit &c., *Betts* and *Stocker* did represent and suggest to the Queen that the said supposed invention was an invention of improvements in bottles, jars, &c., and in the mode of manufacturing the same; and that the Queen believed such representation and acted thereon, and, so believing and acting, granted the letters patent. Averment, that the supposed invention was not an invention of improvements in bottles, &c., and in the mode &c., as by *Betts* and *Stocker* represented &c. Whereby &c.: conclusion as in plea 6.

8. "That the said supposed invention in the declaration mentioned was not, at the said time of the making

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of the said supposed letters patent and gift and grant of license, power, privilege and authority in the declaration mentioned, of such use, benefit and advantage to the public as by law required to make the same supposed invention a sufficient consideration for the making of the said supposed letters patent and gift and grant of licence, power, privilege and authority. Whereby " &c. : conclusion as in plea 6.

9. That the supposed invention was not, at the said time &c., a new invention as to the public knowledge thereof within this realm. Whereby &c. : conclusion as in plea 6.

10. That the specification was an instrument &c. (commencement as in plea 6, down to "set forth," referring to plea 4): and that the supposed letters patent and gift and grant &c. in the declaration mentioned were not and was not letters patent and grant of privilege of the sole working or making of any manner of new manufacture. Whereby &c. : conclusion as in plea 6. 11. Not Guilty.

The notice of objections was as follows.

"In pursuance of the statute (a)" &c., "we hereby give you notice of certain objections upon which the defendants mean to rely on the trial of this action: And that, at the same trial, the defendants, besides denying that Her Majesty made such letters patent, gift and grant of licence," &c., as in the declaration mentioned, and also denying that the defendants have or that either of them has committed the supposed grievances &c., or any or either of them, &c. "will object, contend and insist: That the said letters patent are

(a) 5 & 6 W. 4. c. 83. s. 5.

void by reason of the petition and several suggestions, matters and things therein recited, or some of them, or the recital thereof contained in the said letters patent, being false and untrue as to or respecting the matters and things stated or mentioned in this notice, or some of them: That the said *W. Betts* and *A. S. Stocker*, in the declaration respectively named, did not invent the said supposed invention in the said letters patent and declaration mentioned: That the said *W. B.* and *A. S. S.* were not the true and first inventors within this realm of the said supposed invention: That the said supposed invention was not an invention of improvements in bottles, jars and pots and other similar vessels, and in the mode of manufacturing, stoppering and covering the same: That the said supposed invention was not, at the time of the making the said letters patent, of sufficient use, benefit and advantage to the public: That the said supposed invention was not, at the said time of the making of the said letters patent, of any use, benefit or advantage to the public: That the said invention was not new as to the public knowledge thereof in this realm at the date of the said letters patent: That the said licence, power, privilege and authority was not a privilege of working or making any manner of manufacture: That the said invention was not an invention of any manner of manufacture: That the said supposed invention was not an invention of any manner of new manufacture: That the plaintiff did not by the said specification in the declaration mentioned particularly describe and ascertain the nature of the said supposed invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed: That the plaintiff and *A. S. S.* did not by any instrument in writing under their hands and seals, or

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under the hand and seal of either of them, particularly describe and ascertain the nature of the said supposed invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed: That the plaintiff and A. S. S. have not caused the said specification, or any instrument in writing under their hands and seals, or under the hand and seal of either of them, particularly describing and ascertaining the nature" &c. (as above) "to be duly enrolled in Chancery." General conclusion, that defendants will also insist upon such other defences (other than objections to the letters patent) as may be admissible under any of the pleas. Dated 10th August 1849.

Sir *J. Jervis*, Attorney General, and *Hindmarch*, now shewed cause. First: as to striking out plea 4. The objection, if available, ought to be taken by demurrer. It has been a constant practice to add drawings to the record where they were necessary. In *Rex v. Arkwright* (a) a drawing was annexed to the sci. fa.; and the form there was settled by Sir *P. Arden*. Drawings were annexed to the record in *Russell v. Ledsam* (b) and in *Regina v. Nickels* (c). In a case relating to abutments on a mountain in *Wales*, a drawing, with the points of the compass marked, was placed in the margin of the record by direction of the late *R. V. Richards*. If a deed has a plan in the margin, and over is craved,

(a) *Webst. Pat. Ca.* 64., from a more extended report, published London, 1785. *S. C.* reported, *Dav. Pat. Ca.* 61.

(b) 14 *M. & W.* 574. Judgment for plaintiff affirmed in *Exch. Ch.*, *Ledsam v. Russell*, 16 *M. & W.* 633., and in *H. Lords*, *Ledsam v. Russell*, 1 *H. Lords Cases*, 687. See, as to the specification, 14 *M. & W.* 577., and *Russell v. Cowley*, 1 *Cro. M. & R.* 864.

(c) Mentioned in *Webst. Pat. Ca.* 627., note (b).

the plan cannot be set out, because it could not be read: but, if enrolment is prayed, the deed is set out with the plan. In *Newton v. Wilmot* (a) a lease was set out on oyer, containing a demise of premises, with the words "for the better description whereof, a plan is indorsed on the second skin of these presents;" and it was objected that the plea did not set out the plan. *Parke B.* observed: "An indenture set out on oyer is supposed to be read by the clerk of the Court: I do not see how the lines and marks in a plan could be read:" but no decision on that point was required. In *Muntz v. Foster* (b) the defendants pleaded a plea intended to bring into question the validity of the specification, which the plea set out at length; and the argument for them (on special demurrer to the plea) was that there was a question for the Court, and "the defendants, therefore, have a right to bring the specification before the Court by their plea, and to have the judgment of the Court upon its sufficiency." "The only point in dispute between the parties might be one which is not a question for the jury at all, and they ought not to be put to the expense of a trial, when they only ask for the opinion of the Court as to the sufficiency of the specification in point of law." *Maule J.* said there: "I am disposed to think that might be done; but the question is, whether the sufficiency of the specification has been properly raised by the present plea:" and upon that objection the defendant failed, the plea being deemed argumentative for want of a direct traverse. To raise the question correctly for the opinion of the Court, the specification, and all that forms part of it,

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(a) 8 M. & W. 711. 720.

(b) 1 Dowl. & L. 737. S. C. 6 Man. & G. 734.

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must be presented. Since the last cited case it has always been the practice to do this, with a special traverse as in the present instance: and the proper course for the opposite party is to demur. Whether or not the specification as set out describes the invention, is a question for the Court: whether the description is sufficient for the instruction of a workman, is for the jury. In *Regina v. Cutler*

(a) 3 Car. & Kir. 215., where the specification and drawings given.

The specification of a patent is defective if the patentee professes to effect his object in one of two specified modes or else in the other, representing each as available, and it appears by evidence that one of them will effect the purpose, but the other will not.

REGINA v. CUTLER, on scire facias to repeal a patent (see *Cutler v. Bower*, 11 Q. B. 973.), was tried before Lord Denman C. J. at Westminster, in Michaelmas vacation, 1847: verdict for defendant. A writ nisi was obtained for (among other subjects of application) a new writ on the ground of misdirection. Cause was shewn in Michaelmas term (November 16th and 17th) 1848, before Lord Denman C. J., Coleridge J., Wightman and Erle Js., by Talfourd Serjt., Whitehurst, and Webster and Hindmarch supported the rule. The Court, without hearing J. Jervis, Attorney General, with whom was M. D. Hill, on the other side, stopped the argument, but took time for consideration, Lord Denman C. J. observing: "I think I made a mistake in my direction to the jury: but I should like to look over the short-hand writer's notes. We will tell the Attorney-General afterwards, whether we think it necessary to hear him." In Hilary term, (January 30th) 1849,

Lord DENMAN C. J. delivered judgment as follows.

This was a scire facias to repeal letters patent for improvements in the manufacture of tubular flues to steam boilers.

Several issues were joined on the numerous objections taken to the specification. The 15th was that the specification did not particularly ascertain and describe the nature of the invention. The hammers to be applied to the iron tube are described: and on the faces are to be placed two stops for dies, or a pair of grooved rolls. A mandril is then pressed through the dies, or between grooves of the rolls. On the trial, there was evidence that the grooved rolls would not do the work here assigned to them; and, in commenting on that part of the case, I told the jury that, if either of those methods were proved to be satisfactory, the patent might be good, notwithstanding the imperfection of the other.

The case of *Lewis v. Marling* (10 B. & C. 22.) had been quoted as establishing that doctrine. But, on examination, the Court there only said that the claim of some part of a machine which turned out to be

at Nisi prius, it was objected that part of the alleged **invention**, as claimed by the specification, was not the **subject** of a patent; the drawing annexed to the specification was relied upon in support of the objection; **and** Lord *Denman* C. J. ruled that, in the respect **pointed** out, the specification was bad. There is no **other** fit mode of traversing the sufficiency of the specification than that which is here adopted. It could not **be** pleaded that the patentee did not cause a specification to be enrolled. If the objection now taken were **valid**, the specification itself, which puts a drawing on **record**, would be a nullity. It is, practically, impossible to dispense with this mode of description where **the** machinery is intricate. In indictments for forgery **it** has long been the practice to give a fac-simile (*a*).

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Secondly: the defendants should not be required to **elect** between pleas 4 and 5. Plea 4 raises a question **for** the Court on the legal effect of the specification. **Plea** 5 denies that, in point of fact, the instrument **described** the invention or was enrolled.

useless did not vitiate a patent. This is very different from describing a part of a machine as capable of cooperating in the work, when in fact it is incapable, even though he at the same time describes other means which might be effectually employed. For the reader of the specification, relying upon it, might use the former in constructing his machine, which would fail of its purpose from being too accurately made according to the patentee's instructions. The rule must therefore be absolute for a new trial.

The ground of objection which prevailed, and on which the case was distinguished from *Lewis v. Marling* (10 B. & C. 22.), was stated by *Hindmarsh* as follows: Here the patentee claims to effect his object in two ways, not pointing out either as the one to be adopted in preference; but one will not effect the object at all. In the case cited, the claim was for an entire machine, part of which proved useless, but the machine might have been worked with or without the part; and it was not described in the specification as essential. See *Morgan v. Seaward*, 2 M. & W. 544. 562.

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Plea 8 is in a form constantly used of late years. It would not be safe to plead that the invention was of no use; for to such a plea (even if it were otherwise good (a)) any degree of utility, however slight, would be an answer. In *Losh v. Hague* (b), at Nisi prius, Lord Abinger said to the jury: "I observe one of the pleas states that the improvements are something trifling and insignificant. If that" (bending instead of welding) "is the improvement, you will consider whether it is worth a patent or not." And the editor says, p. 205, note (b), "This question would appear, both on the authority of the learned Chief Baron in this case, and from the nature of the thing, to be peculiarly a question for the jury; and this defence must consequently be specially pleaded." [Coleridge J. In that particular case Lord Abinger could not help putting the question to the jury as as he did. Wightman J. In *Morgan v. Seaward* (c), at Nisi prius, Alderson B. said: "It is not material, however, that the improvement should be great. It is sufficient if it is an improvement at all."] That there may be something, short of absolute inutility, which vitiates a patent, seems admitted by the judgment of the Court of Exchequer in the last cited case. And Lord Coke says, 3 *Inst.* 184.: "In every such new manufacture that deserves a privilege, there must be *urgens necessitas*, and *evidens utilitas*." At any rate, if the sufficiency of this plea was to be questioned, it should have been done by demurrer.

As to the notice of objections: the practice is that they merely follow the pleas. It was not adverted to

(a) See *Morgan v. Seaward*, 2 *M. & W.* 544. 562, 3.

(b) *Webst. Pat. Ca.* 202. 204, 5.

(c) *Webst. Pat. Ca.* 170. 172.

by the framers of stat. 5 & 6 *W.* 4. c. 83. (a), which requires such notice, that specific pleas would be pleaded: the former course having been to plead the general issue (b). With special pleas, a specific notice of objections is superfluous. But, if this notice is defective, the plaintiff might have moved for a better particular, as was done in *Heath v. Unwin* (c).

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Webster, contra. First: In *Sealy v. Browne* (d) an application was made to strike out pleas to which drawings were annexed; and a rule nisi was granted; but no cause was shewn, the parties having come to a compromise. In a note, (4), to that case it is said that "In *Barrett v. The Stockton and Darlington Railway Company*" (e), "where a verdict was found for the plaintiff, subject to a special case, with liberty to turn it into a special verdict, it was made part of the terms that a map which had been given in evidence at the trial should form part of the special verdict; but this being found to be impossible, it was agreed that the map should be referred to by either side upon the argument, and no notice was taken of it in the special verdict. An attempt was made in *Panton v. Williams*" (g) "to introduce a fac-simile of certain documents which had been

(a) See stat. 15 & 16 *Vict.* c. 83. s. 41., which requires that "particulars" of the objections to be relied upon at the trial shall be delivered with the pleas, and enacts that no evidence shall be given in support of any objection "impeaching the validity of such letters patent," which shall not be contained in the particulars: proviso, that the place where, and manner in which, the invention is alleged to have been used before grant of letters patent shall be stated in the particulars.

(b) See *Leaf v. Topham*, 14 *M. & W.* 146. 148.

(c) 10 *M. & W.* 684. See *Regina v. Walton*, 2 *Q. B.* 969.

(d) 14 *Law J. N. S. Q. B. (Bail Court)* 169.

(e) 2 *Man. & G.* 134., *S. C.*, 2 *Scott, N. R.* 337.

(g) 2 *Q. B.* 169.; & *C.* 10 *Law J. N. S. Exch.* 545.

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given in evidence at the trial into a bill of exceptions, but an application for that purpose was refused, on the ground that the Court had no means of judging whether it was a perfect fac-simile or not. The same rule prevails in criminal pleadings, except in indictments for forgery, where a fac-simile of the document must be set out." This is, in fact, an attempt to plead evidence. [*Wightman J.* How could an "annexed" drawing be sent up to a Court of Error? *Hindmarch.* It is constantly done.] That is by consent. According to the ancient practice, pleading was an "oral altercation" of which "a contemporaneous official minute in writing was drawn up by one of the officers of the Court, on a parchment roll, containing a transcript of all the different allegations of fact;" *Steph. on Plead.* 25 (5th ed.); and "the abandonment of the practice of oral pleading led to no departure from the ancient style of allegation;" p. 29. But no analogy to the ancient style can be preserved when "drawings" are "produced and shewn to the Court," and are "annexed" to the pleading. The practice of setting out a fac-simile in an indictment for forgery is peculiar. [*Wightman J.* If you had to set out a forged instrument in a plea, might not a fac-simile be given?] It would seem not. A scire facias is no precedent for the plea to an action; it is under different rules, and is in the nature of a criminal proceeding. [*Coleridge J.* If you succeed on the first point you succeed on the second. And the Court think that the fourth plea must be struck out, on the objection (without entering into any other question on that point) that drawings cannot be "annexed" to a plea (a).]

(a) See *Warshaner's Case*, 1 Moo. C. C. 466.

Then, as to plea 8. It is not required, because plea 7 denies that the invention was "an invention of improvements;" which is, in other words, denying that it was of such utility as would support a patent. The allegation that it was not "of such use, benefit and advantage to the public" as to be "sufficient consideration" for a patent, raises no question of fact which the plaintiff can deal with. How is it practicable to weigh the degrees of utility, which may or may not be consideration for a patent? [*Coleridge J.* It certainly is a question how a jury could weigh these. *Wightman J.* It is difficult even for a judge.] Then the effect of the plea is to force a demurrer upon the plaintiff: and a plea framed with that view, and following plea 7, ought not to be allowed.

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As to the notice of objection. In *Neilson v. Harford (a)*, *Parke B.*, delivering the judgment of the Court of Exchequer, says: "We concur with the opinion of the Court of Common Pleas, in the cases cited by Sir *William Follett*, that the act must be construed to mean that a mere copy of the pleas will not be a sufficient compliance with its provisions. It was passed after the New rules had required the several defences to be pleaded, and must therefore be considered as having intended to give to the plaintiff some additional advantage beyond the information which the record would give him. The statute did not mean to say, nor do we think that the Common Pleas (*b*) meant to decide, that it would not be sufficient in some cases to give notice in the terms of the plea itself. The objection

(a) 8 M. & W. 806. 822.

(b) *Fisher v. Dewick*, 4 New Ca. 706.

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may be so completely and so fully expanded on record, that a mere transcript of the plea itself may sufficient; in other cases the plea may be so general in its language, as to be insufficient as a notice, if transcribed from the plea merely. Each case must depend on its peculiar circumstances." Stat. 5 & 6 W. c. 83., sects. 5, 6, gives costs to the plaintiff if the defendant fails to prove matters stated in his notice of objections: and the notice ought to be so specific that he may not avail himself of it for the purpose of objection and yet escape costs if the plaintiff succeeds. In *Leaf v. Topham* (a) notice of objections, adding nothing material to the language of the pleas, was held insufficient. Here the pleas, from 6. onwards, are too general to convey any information; and the notice does not explain them. It is not shewn whether the novelty of the invention is disputed as to the whole or any part. The plaintiff must go to trial with evidence as to the whole. If the objection were specific he might perhaps disclaim.

COLERIDGE J. We have already said that the 4th plea is not maintainable. I think also that the 8th plea is pleaded only to invite a demurrer, and must be struck out. And I am of opinion that the notice is not specific enough. If the pleas are so expressed as to give the requisite information, the notice of objections may not be so material; but here that is not the case: the pleas are quite general; and the notice of objections is as much so.

WIGHTMAN and ERLE Js. concurred.

(a) 14 M. & W. 146.

Hindmarch then prayed leave to amend the notice.
 [*Coleridge J.* You must go to a Judge at chambers, and shew the particular amendment you desire to make.] *Hindmarch* also suggested that the objection originally taken to plea 4, and which the defendants had been prepared to meet, was that the drawings could not be put upon the record, whereas the Court had decided merely that they could not be annexed.
 [*Wightman J.* I think they embarrass the record very considerably, and are unnecessary. *Coleridge J.* They may be placed there by consent.]

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Webster asked if the 4th plea was to be struck out, or the drawings only. [*Coleridge J.* The plea. It is bad in that form.]

Rule. That the rule of the 11th *August* be varied; and that the 4th and 8th pleas be struck out; and that the defendants deliver to the plaintiff's attorneys or agents a further and better notice of the objections upon which the defendants mean to rely at the trial of this action. (a)

. (a) See the rulings as to particulars of objection collected in *Norman's Treatise on the Law and Practice relating to Letters patent for Inventions*, pp. 169—174, London, 1853.

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Tuesday,
20th November.

WEBSTER FLOCKTON and Five Others *against*
HALL and Five Others.

To a declaration in case, for infringing a patent, defendants pleaded, in bar of further maintenance of the action, that, after declaration, it had been agreed between plaintiffs and defendants that defendants should admit their liability to the action, as they then did admit; that defendants should take, and plaintiffs grant, a license for the use of the invention; that defendants should hand a cheque for

CASE for infringement of a patent, one of the plaintiffs being patentee of the invention, and the other five his assignees of five undivided sixth parts. Plea: That plaintiffs ought not further to maintain their action; because defendants say that, after the plaintiffs had sued out their writ of summons and declared thereupon in this suit, and before this day, to wit on 11th *May* 1848, it was agreed, between the plaintiff *Flockton* and the defendants, that the said defendants should admit (and as they then did admit) their liability to this action; and, further, that a license should be taken by defendants from plaintiffs, and which plaintiffs were to grant to defendants, for the use of the invention in the declaration mentioned; and that defendants should draw a cheque upon their, defendants', bankers, to wit &c.,

75*l.* to a third person, to be held till the grant of the license, and then handed by him to plaintiffs; that plaintiffs and defendants should respectively bear their own costs of the action; that "this action, and the causes of action included in the same, should be settled, satisfied, discharged and terminated by the arrangement and agreement before mentioned." Averment that defendants admitted their liability, drew and delivered the cheque, and had always been ready to perform the agreement, take the license, and pay their own costs; of which plaintiffs had notice.

Held bad, on special demurrer.

For that, if the agreement were construed as an accord in respect of the things to be done, there was no averment of satisfaction, the stipulations of defendants not having been all performed; and, if the making of the agreement itself was relied upon, there was no allegation, expressed or implied, that the agreement was accepted in satisfaction.

Also, because the plea left it ambiguous which of the two matters above specified was relied upon as the accord and satisfaction.

for 75*l.*, payable to the bearer, and deliver the same to one *Charles Biggs*, to be held by him until the license should be granted, and to be then delivered over by him to plaintiffs; and, further, that plaintiffs and defendants should respectively bear and pay their own respective costs incurred in this action; "and that this action, and the causes of action included in the same, should be settled, satisfied, discharged and terminated by the arrangement and agreement before mentioned." And defendants further say that thereupon, and within a reasonable time in that behalf, and on the faith of the said agreement, and before this day, to wit on &c., defendants did admit their liability as aforesaid, and did draw and deliver to the said *Charles Biggs* a cheque on their bankers, to wit &c., for 75*l.*, payable to the bearer, according to the said agreement, and upon the terms thereof as aforesaid; and the same was then received, and thence hitherto hath been and still is held, by the said *Charles Biggs* upon the terms aforesaid: and defendants "have always, from the time of the making of the said agreement and arrangement hitherto, been ready and willing to perform and fulfil the said agreement in all things on their part to be performed and fulfilled, and to take the said license to be granted to them by the said plaintiffs, and to bear and pay their own costs incurred in this action; and whereof the plaintiffs have always hitherto had notice."

Verification.

Special demurrer, assigning for causes (so far as is material to the points decided): That the accord is not sufficiently certain: That the plea is in effect a plea of accord without satisfaction; for that the alleged agreement itself could not operate as a satisfaction,

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there being no allegation in the plea that the alleged agreement was accepted by the plaintiffs in full satisfaction; neither could the admission of a liability which did not advance the plaintiffs' right or remedy. That the delivery of a cheque to *Charles Biggs* was mere part performance of the accord, which is not sufficient; that it should have been shewn by positive allegation that the accord had been executed in whole before the pleading of the plea: That non constat that it ever will be performed, in which case, if the plea were held to be a bar to the action, the defendant would receive back their cheque, and the plaintiff would have nothing in satisfaction of their admitted right of action: That, if the plea be intended as a plea not in bar, but in suspension of the right of action, it is bad on that account; for it must be a final bar or nothing: That the plea confesses the cause of action and does not sufficiently or at all avoid it: and that it wants certainty and particularity as to time. Joinder in demurrer.

Montagu Smith, for the plaintiffs. If this plea is to be understood as setting up the performance of the acts agreed to be done, as an answer to the action, it is bad, because it does not shew that all the acts have been done: and therefore it is a plea of accord without satisfaction. The averment of readiness and willingness to perform what was not performed is insufficient; *Carter v. Wormald* (a), *Com. Dig. Accord* (B 4.), *Bayley v. Homan* (b); so far, there is only a right of action substituted for another; and that is no bar. Matter which merely suspends the action.

(a) 1 *Exch.* 81.

(b) 3 *New Ca.* 915.

not pleadable in bar; *Harris v. Reynolds* (a). But, if the plea sets up the agreement itself as an answer, then there is no satisfaction, because it is not shewn that the agreement was accepted in satisfaction. If it had been so accepted, that would have constituted accord and satisfaction; but the acceptance must appear; *Evans v. Powis* (b). The proper mode of pleading an acceptance in satisfaction appears in *Jones v. Sawkins* (c). Had the acceptance of the agreement been so pleaded here, the plaintiff might have traversed either the agreement or the acceptance; *Bainbridge v. Lax* (d). Further, the plea is so vague and uncertain that it is bad on general demurrer. It is doubtful whether the words, "that this action, and the causes of action included in the same, should be settled, satisfied, discharged and terminated by the arrangement and agreement before mentioned," be an averment in the plea or part of the agreement itself. Nor does it appear whether the "arrangement" be the making the agreement or performing its stipulations. Again, if the words be an averment, the defence, being pleaded after action brought, is insufficient, the discharge not being made applicable to the costs. Again, no time is mentioned within which the license is to be granted and the acts are to be done; so that there is no certainty, which there ought to be in an accord; *Com. Dig. Accord* (B 3.).

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Bovill, contra. This plea is not by way of accord and satisfaction, strictly so termed. Were the

(a) 7 Q. B. 71. See *Ford v. Beech*, 11 Q. B. 852.; *Webb v. Spicer*, 13 Q. B. 886. 898.

(b) 1 Exch. 601. 607.

(c) 5 Com. B. 142.

(d) 9 Q. B. 819.

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technical rules as to accord and satisfaction apply to such a defence as this, great injustice would ensue inasmuch as the contract between the parties would become ineffectual if a single shilling remained unpaid. The agreement clearly contemplates that each party is to pay his own costs: therefore the objection as to the omission of any stipulation in respect of costs fails. The meaning of the technical rule, that accord without satisfaction is bad, has been sometimes lost sight of. The reason given for it is that the mere accord gives no remedy. And that will be sound, where the accord is unilateral, and nothing appears but the consent of the plaintiff to accept something in satisfaction of his suit. Thus, in *Com. Dig. Accord* (B. 4.) it is said: "an accord must be executed, otherwise there will be no remedy for a non-performance." And, in the same section, it is said: "an accord, with mutual promises to perform, is good, though the thing be not performed at the time of action; for the party has a remedy to compel the performance." Therefore the rule is inapplicable to a case like the present, where there is a mutuality by reason of the agreement. Accordingly, in *Case v. Barber* (a), it was laid down that, as soon as it had been decided that an action might be maintained on mutual promises, an agreement with mutual promises might satisfy a claim, although there were no execution of the agreement. That principle was acted upon in *Good v. Cheesman* (b), where an agreement which had not been performed, but was capable of being immediately enforced, was held to raise a good defence, though, as *Littledale J.* there said, it was

(a) *T. Raym.* 450.

(b) *2 B. & Ad.* 328.

“not strictly an accord and satisfaction or a release.” *Queen's Bench.*
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It is true that there the rights of third parties were involved: but that circumstance operated only by creating a valid consideration, in the absence of which the plaintiff could not have been bound by an undertaking to accept less than his whole debt. Here the agreement, by its mutuality, contains such a consideration. These authorities are recognised in *Evans v. Powis (a)*, where the defence failed for want of the requisites which this plea satisfies. The plea there merely set up an accord; and the authorities cited on the other side shew only that, where a plea sets up a naked accord, as such, without satisfaction, it is bad. That the damages are unliquidated is not material: it was not the less competent to plaintiff and defendant to agree, for good consideration, to put an end to the litigation. It is not pretended that the agreement, taken by itself, is bad for want of consideration. It is objected that the plea does not shew that the agreement was accepted in satisfaction: but the agreement, which the plea states, contains in itself such an acceptance. The terms of the agreement cannot be impeached for informality, even on special demurrer: but in substance and form the agreement contains a renunciation of the plaintiff's right of action in consideration of the defendant's contract.

Montagu Smith, in reply. It appears to be conceded that the statement of readiness and willingness to perform is not tantamount to an allegation of performance. The plea is supported, not as shewing accord and satis-

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faction, but as raising a bar by shewing a new agreement. For that there is no precedent. It is true that, as is contended on the other side, such an agreement may be an answer to the action: but that is only where it appears to have been accepted in satisfaction. Even if in the body of the agreement there had been a clause to the effect that the agreement should be accepted in satisfaction, there must still have been an averment by the plea, that the agreement containing this clause was accepted in satisfaction. *Gifford v. Whittaker* (a) may be added to the authorities on the requisites of a plea of accord and satisfaction. (He was then stopped by the Court.)

COLERIDGE J. (b). I feel averse to the introduction of novelties, especially into pleas of this nature, which are common. It is allowed, indeed it could not be disputed, that a plea of accord without satisfaction is bad. Now there may be two kinds of accord: the making of the agreement itself may be what is stipulated for, or the doing the things mentioned in the agreement. In the latter case the plea, as is admitted, ought to aver that the things have been done, and the agreement, without that, affords no answer. Where the making of this agreement is itself the thing looked to, the plea must aver that it has been accepted in satisfaction; that averment, in truth, carries with it the fact of performance of all that was to be done in order to settle the action: it leaves nothing *in fieri*, nothing incomplete. There can be no question but that, if the agreement here had been to do a

(a) 6 Q. B. 249.

(b) *Patteson* and *Wightman* Js. were absent.

collateral act, as to give a horse or build a house, and the execution of the agreement were itself relied upon, the plea must have averred that the agreement was accepted in satisfaction; or else there must have been an averment that the thing agreed upon had been done. In this case, therefore, the only question is whether the acceptance of the agreement in satisfaction is involved in the agreement itself. Now, as to that, I think we cannot look into the agreement itself for the purpose of collecting from it the additional fact that it has been accepted in satisfaction: the acceptance must be shewn independently. But, in addition to this, I think the plea is bad in two respects. First: it is left uncertain what the plea relies on, whether upon the acts which are the subject matter of the agreement or upon the agreement itself. Secondly: as Mr. *Smith* pointed out, it is not clear what the plaintiff has to traverse: whether the performance of all that was stipulated for, or the intention of the parties to make the mere agreement the consideration for settling the action.

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ERLE J. I think this is a bad plea. I take the law to be, that an agreement may be accepted in satisfaction of an existing cause of action. If the agreement itself expressed that it, the agreement, was to be accepted as satisfaction, the averment that it was so accepted might be unnecessary. I thought that the agreement did so express in this case: but, upon looking at the plea, I see that is not so: the plea states only, first, that certain things agreed are to be done, and, secondly, that the action and causes of action are to be satisfied by the arrangement and agreement before

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mentioned. That leaves us quite at a loss whether there is an agreement besides the agreement that the things should be done: it rather seems that there were two agreements.

Judgment for plaintiffs.

Thursday,
November 22d.

In the Matter of HUMPHREYS.

An attorney of the Court of Great Sessions in *Wales*, who was in actual practice at the passing of stat. 11 G. 4. & 1 W. 4. c. 70., and who, under stat. 55 G. 3. c. 184., Schedule, part 1., has paid for his admission a stamp duty of 25*l.*, but paid only 60*l.* on his articles of clerkship, and who has, under stat. 11 G. 4. & 1 W. 4. c. 70. s. 16., and before the passing of stat. 6 & 7 Vict. c. 73., been admitted on the shilling roll, but has not been admitted in the Superior Courts of *Westminster* under sect. 17 of the first

WILLES, in last *Trinity* term, obtained a rule calling upon *Richard Humphreys* to shew cause why an attachment should not issue against him for his contempt of this Court in having knowingly and wilfully acted and practised in this Court as an attorney for the plaintiff in a cause of *Edwards and another against Williams*, without being duly qualified or authorised by law to act or practise as such attorney, contrary to stat. 6 & 7 Vict. c. 73. s. 35.; and also that he, being an attorney of this Court, pursuant to stat. 11 G. 4. & 1 W. 4. c. 70., and not having paid the difference of duty pursuant to sect. 17 of that statute, did knowingly and wilfully act and practise as an attorney for the plaintiff in the said cause, when the defendant, at the time of the commencement of the suit, did not reside within the county palatine of *Chester* or the principality of *Wales*.

From the affidavits in support of the rule it appeared that *Humphreys*, at the time of the passing of stat. 11

mentioned statute, is, under stat. 6 & 7 Vict. c. 73. s. 35., guilty of a contempt if he practise in a Superior Court of *Westminster* in a cause where the defendant did not reside in *Wales* or *Cheshire* at the commencement of the suit:

Although the irregular act is not shewn to have been done knowingly or wilfully.

G. 4. & 1 W. 4. c. 70., was an attorney of the Great Sessions Court of *Wales*, in actual practice. He had paid only 60*l.* stamp duty on his articles of clerkship, under stat. 55 *G. 3. c. 184.*, Schedule, Part I., *Articles of Clerkship*. His name had, on 1st *December*, 1830, been placed on the shilling roll under stat. 11 *G. 4. & 1 W. 4. c. 70. s. 16.* He had not been otherwise admitted an attorney of the Superior Courts of *Westminster*. The alleged contempt consisted in his having conducted the action named in the rule, which was an action brought in this Court, in *February*, 1847, against a defendant not residing in *Cheshire* or *Wales* at the time of the commencement of the suit. The proceedings in *London* were conducted by *Humphreys's London* agents: but the cause was tried in *Flintshire*, when a verdict was found for the plaintiff, who recovered judgment. *Humphreys* was the attorney on the record, and conducted all the proceedings in *Wales*; and the taxed costs of the whole proceedings were paid to his *London* agents, as such agents, by the defendant. Affidavits were made as to defendant's belief that *Humphreys*, in so practising, had wilfully and knowingly acted in contempt of this Court.

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From an affidavit in answer it appeared that *Humphreys*, on his admission as attorney of the Court of Great Sessions, paid a stamp duty of 25*l.* (stat. 55 *G. 3. c. 184.* Schedule, Part I. *Admission.*): That the Commissioners of Inland Revenue had intimated an intention to proceed against *Humphreys* for a penalty of 100*l.* under stat. 34 *G. 3. c. 14. s. 4.*; but that, on explanation of the circumstances, they had informed him that they should not do so: And that his *London* agents were attorneys of this Court.

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Martin and *Pulling* now shewed cause. The attachment will not go unless there appear wilful misconduct *Rex v. Borron* (a); nor where the contempt is not apparent; *Com. Dig. Attachment* (A 3.). But, further *Humphreys* was entitled to practise as he has done Stat. 2 G. 2 c. 23. s. 10. enabled any attorney of the Great Sessions to practise in the Courts of record at *Westminster*, by leave and in the name of an attorney of such Courts. Stat. 34 G. 3. c. 14. s. 4. subjected a person so practising, without having been admitted, a penalty of 100*l.*, but did not prohibit the practice nor repeal the previous Act. And here the Commissioners of Inland Revenue have declined proceed for the penalty; this Court therefore will not interfere by process of contempt; *Matthews v. Royle* (b) Sect. 35 of stat. 6 & 7 Vict. c. 73., under which the application is made, constitutes it a contempt of Court if any person sue out a process "without being admitted and enrolled as aforesaid." But *Humphreys* has been enrolled under stat. 11 G. 4. & 1 W. 4. c. 70 s. 16., and has actually practised, so as to be free from the objection taken in *Ex parte Read* (c). He might practise in any Court in the name of his agent if an attorney of such Court; *Hulls v. Lea* (d). He may also be now admitted an attorney of this Court without further payment, under sect. 17 of stat. 11 G. 4. & 1 W. 4. c. 70., inasmuch as he has paid the "full duty," 25*l.*, "required upon admission of attorneys" in the Superior Courts of *Westminster*. He has not indeed paid the full duty upon articles of clerkship

(a) 9 B. & Ad. 432.

(c) 1 B. & Ad. 957.

(b) 6 B. Moore, 70.

(d) 10 Q. B. 940.

in order to his admission in such Courts: but that the statute does not require in terms, nor will the Act be strained for the purpose of imposing a duty; *Tomkins v. Ashby* (a); 2 *Dwarris On Statutes*, 646. (2d ed.); *Middleton v. Chambers* (b). Here such a construction would be peculiarly harsh. An attorney on the shilling roll would be disabled from practising in bankruptcy, in criminal cases, or in inferior Courts; for stat. 6 & 7 Vict. c. 73. s. 35. applies to "any proceedings in any Court of law or equity." Suppose an attorney, so circumstanced, had, before the actual commencement of an action, given an undertaking to appear for a defendant residing in *Wales*, under sect. 16 of stat. 11 G. 4. & 1 W. 4. c. 70., and, before the writ were sued out, the party ceased so to reside: the attorney, according to the construction insisted on by the other side, would be liable to an attachment whether he did or did not appear. The intention of the consolidating Act, 6 & 7 Vict. c. 73., was to place all attorneys then actually on the roll upon the same footing.

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Sir J. Jervis, Attorney General, *Welsby and Willes*, contra. By stat. 6 & 7 Vict. c. 73., First Schedule, Second part, the whole of stat. 11 G. 4. & 1 W. 4. c. 70. is preserved. Sect. 16 of the statute last mentioned enables attorneys on the shilling roll, as to the Superior Courts at *Westminster*, to practise in cases only where the defendant, at the time of the commencement of the action, resides in *Wales* or *Cheshire*, which was not the case in this action. Therefore, under sect. 35 of stat. 6 & 7 Vict. c. 73., *Humphreys* is guilty of a

(a) 6 B. & C. 541.

(b) 1 M. & G. 97.

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contempt. An admission under sect. 17 of stat. 11 G. 4. & 1 W. 4. c. 70. would, no doubt, have been an answer to this application: but there has been no such admission; and he has not paid the 60*l.* which, if admitted under sect. 17, he would have had to pay: for “the full duty required upon admission of attorneys in the said Courts at *Westminster*,” in that section, manifestly includes both the heads in Part I. of the Schedule to stat. 55 G. 3. c. 18— which have been mentioned: namely, “Admission of any person to act as an attorney,” and “Articles of clerkship, or contract, whereby any person shall become bound to serve as a clerk; in order to his admission as an attorney or solicitor, in any of His Majesty’s Courts at *Westminster*.” Sect. 17 of stat. 1 W. 4. & 1 Vict. c. 70. gave a considerable boon to the attorneys of the Great Sessions, who previously, under stat. 9 G. 4. c. 49. s. 4., in order to become capable of being admitted attorneys of the Superior Courts at *Westminster*, had to pay the whole of 120*l.* instead of the difference between the 120*l.* and the 60*l.*; *Re Myres* (a). No argument arises from the Commissioners of Inland Revenue having declined to proceed for the penalty under stat. 34 G. 3. c. 14. s. 4.; for, that enactment being repealed, the proper remedy now is attachment for contempt. The only question is as to the terms on which the attachment is to be satisfied: the Court will probably require that the sum which the party has obtained in the character of an attorney should be refunded. It appears, from what was said in *Reader v. Bloom* (b), that, if the plaintiff in

(a) 8 Q. B. 515.

(b) 10 B. Moore, 261. S. C., rather differently reported, 3 Bing. 9.

this action had been aware of the want of qualification, he might have resisted the payment of the entire costs to *Humphreys*.

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PATTESON J. The 16th and 17th sections of stat. 11 G. 4. & 1 W. 4. c. 70. have very different objects. The 16th section was necessary, because, before that act was passed, persons were admitted to practise at the Great Sessions, having served under articles on which a duty of 60*l.* was payable, whereas the duty in *England* was 120*l.*, and on payment of 25*l.* duty on admission, which applied to both cases. That practice of the *Welsh* attorneys was limited to cases within the jurisdiction of the Great Sessions. When the Great Sessions were abolished, and it became necessary to sue out process in the Courts of *Westminster*, though the case would previously have been within the jurisdiction of the Great Sessions, it would have been hard if a *Welsh* attorney had not been allowed to practise in causes in which, before the Act, he might have practised as an attorney of the Court of Great Sessions. Therefore the 16th section has the effect of allowing a *Welsh* attorney to enable himself to practise in such causes upon payment of 1*s.*, by entering himself on the roll to be provided for that purpose. In that enactment the word "admitted" does not occur: it provides for the attorney being enabled, on enrolment, to practise in causes where the defendant resides in *Wales*. Then the 17th section further provides that the attorney, if he pleases, may come and be admitted to practise as an attorney of the Courts at *Westminster* on the payment of an additional duty. What that additional duty is, it is

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not now necessary to determine. To avail himself of this section, he clearly must be admitted. Now the party here has availed himself of sect. 16, but not of sect. 17: he is on the roll specially provided for *Welsh* attorneys; but he has not been admitted an attorney of this Court or of any Court at *Westminster*. Then we are to consider the effect of stat. 6 & 7 *Vic* c. 73. s. 35. That enacts that, "in case any person shall in his own name or in the name of any other person sue out any writ or process, or commence, prosecute, or defend any action or suit or any proceedings in any Court of law or equity, without being admitted and enrolled as aforesaid, or being himself a plaintiff or defendant in such proceedings respectively every such person shall and is hereby made incapable to maintain or prosecute any action or suit in any Court of law or equity for any fee, reward, or disbursements on account of prosecuting, carrying on, or defending any such action, suit, or proceeding, or otherwise in relation thereto; and such offence shall be deemed a contempt of the Court in which such action, suit, or proceeding shall have been prosecuted, carried on, or defended, and shall and may be punished accordingly." Then, as the party here has not been admitted at all, the case is within the very words of the section. Whatever question may arise as to the terms on which a *Welsh* attorney may be admitted yet here, as in fact he never has been admitted at all he is in the same condition (excepting as to cases where the defendant lives in *Wales*) as a person who has never served under articles. As to parties not situated, the enactment is that the practice shall be a contempt of the Court where the practice is.]

these affidavits, and I think in the rule, the words "knowingly and wilfully" are inserted. If it were necessary to support that charge, we might feel much doubt whether it was sustained. But here we cannot avoid seeing that the party has incurred a contempt. The Attorney General says that the imposition of a penalty by stat. 34 *G.* 3. c. 14. s. 4. has been repealed. But the whole of that Act is preserved by stat. 6 & 7 *Vict.* c. 73., Second part of schedule First (a): and therefore possibly the party may still be liable to a penalty. But we cannot say that there has not been a contempt. I fear, therefore, that this gentleman has brought himself within the Act, and that we cannot avoid making this rule absolute. It ought to lie in the Master's office till the fifth day of next term: and, upon his paying the costs of this application, and getting himself admitted before that day, the attachment will not be enforced.

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COLERIDGE and WIGHTMAN Js. concurred (b).

Rule absolute, on the above terms (c).

(a) It is repealed, as to a part not material to the question discussed in the text, by stat. 7 & 8 *Vict.* c. 86. s. 3.

(b) *Erle J.* was absent.

(c) Afterwards, in the Bail Court, *Patteson J.* refused a rule to admit *Humphreys* an attorney of this Court without payment of 60*l.*, the difference between the two stamp duties on the articles of clerkship; *In re Humphreys*, 7 *Dowl. & L.* 344.

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The QUEEN *against* THEOPHILUS HASTINGS TINGHAM and JOHN ROBERT TENNANT, Esquiere
Justices of the WEST RIDING of YORKSHIRE.

When an information is laid before justices of the peace for an indictable misdemeanor, it is in the discretion of the justices to hear it, or refuse to hear and leave the complaining party to originate his prosecution before a grand jury.

The Court, therefore, refused to compel justices by mandamus to hear evidence on an information (with a view to prosecution by indictment) for an alleged perjury in depositions before the Ecclesiastical Court, when it appeared that the suit in which the depositions had been made was still depending, and that the justices had therefore held it improper to proceed on the information.

A RULE was obtained in last *Trinity* term, calling upon the above named magistrates to shew cause why a mandamus should not issue requiring them to hear evidence on an information against *Margaret Brown* for perjury, and to adjudicate upon such information. It appeared on affidavit that the perjury was alleged to have been committed in giving evidence before the Prerogative Court of *York* in a suit (between *William Preston Baldwin* and The Rev. *Richard Milner and John Brown*) touching the validity of the will and codicil of *John Baldwin* deceased. The accused party was brought before the justices on *May 28th*, 1849, by warrant; and the prosecutor also attended, and proved the words constituting the alleged perjury, by the evidence of *Joseph Buckle Esq.*, the Examiner and Deputy Registrar of the Prerogative Court. One of the magistrates then asked Mr. *Buckle* in what stage the proceedings in the Ecclesiastical Court were, and whether *M. Brown* would be wanted to give evidence there again. Mr. *Buckle* answered that the suit would have proceeded to sentence if *W. P. Baldwin* had not excepted to the credit of *M. Brown*; and that he did not see how her evidence could be required again. In answer to another question, Mr. *Buckle* said it was impossible to tell how long the proceedings in the Eccle-

siastical Court might last, and that they had already occupied about two years. Mr. *Ingham* then observed that it seemed a delicate thing for the justices to interfere in a matter pending, and on which another Court would have to pronounce; and both justices asked the prosecutor's attorney if he could cite any case to warrant their proceeding under such circumstances. The attorney was not aware of any case, but urged that the justices should nevertheless deal with the prosecution, and hear the remaining witnesses (several being in attendance) in support of the charge. The justices, however, declined to interfere, unless warranted in doing so by a mandamus; and *Margaret Brown* was discharged. Stat. 11 & 12 *Vict.* c. 42. s. 17. was relied upon in support of the motion.

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The magistrates, in their affidavit in answer, stated the communications made to them by *Buckle* after giving evidence of the words as above stated: namely: that, after *Margaret Brown* had been examined by him on interrogatories, and had made her statements above mentioned, relating to the validity of *Baldwin's* will, and to her attestation of it, and after the said statements had been made and become evidence in the suit, and during the pendency thereof in the Ecclesiastical Court, viz. on 11th *May* 1849, "certain exceptive allegations were made in the said Court on the part and behalf of the said *W. P. Baldwin* in the said suit, in and by which it was alleged and stated, on the part and behalf of the said *W. P. B.*, that the said several statements and allegations of the said *M. Brown* in the said Court in answer to the said interrogatories in the said suit in the said Court were wholly false and untrue; and that it had then and there become, and still was, a

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matter for the determination of the said Ecclesiastical and Prerogative Court in the said suit, whether the said several statements and allegations of the said *M. Brown* in the said Court in answer to the said interrogatories in the said suit in that Court were true or false." And which statement and information of Mr. *Buckle* the deponents (the two justices) believed to be true. And they further deposed that, the said suit being so then pending in the Ecclesiastical Court, "and the said credibility of the said *M. Brown* and the truth of her said statements and allegations in her said answers to her said interrogatories then being matters proper and necessary for the consideration and determination of the said Ecclesiastical and Prerogative Court in the said suit, as they the said deponents were then informed and verily believed, they the said deponents and each of them then and there considered and believed that it was not their duty, or the duty of either of them, to express any opinion as to the credibility of the said *M. B.*, or as to the truth of her said allegations and statements in answer to the said interrogatories in the said suit, or to proceed upon the said information charging the said *M. Brown* with wilful and corrupt perjury in making the said allegations" &c., "in answer" &c., "while and so long as the said suit, in which the truth or falsehood of such allegations or statements and the credibility of the said *M. Brown* were to be determined by the said last mentioned Court, was still pending and undetermined; and that it would then and there have been contrary to public policy, and prejudicial to the due and fair administration of justice in the said suit in the said Ecclesiastical and Prerogative Court at *York*, if they," the deponents,

had proceeded to adjudicate upon the matter of the said information; as each of the deponents did then and still doth believe. "And these deponents further say, that they have been informed and verily do believe that the said suit" "is still pending and undetermined, and that the credibility of the said *M. Brown*, and the truth or falsehood of the said several allegations of the said *M. Brown* in the said Ecclesiastical and Prerogative Court at *York*, in answer to the interrogatories in the said suit, still remain matters for the consideration and determination of the said Ecclesiastical and Prerogative Court in the said suit." They added that they had no other ground or reason for not proceeding than those above stated.

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Overend now shewed cause. The magistrates had a right to exercise discretion as to hearing or refusing to hear, and have acted properly, the cause in the Ecclesiastical Court being still undecided. In *Rex v. Ashburn (a)*, at the Central Criminal Court, it was stated to have been the practice of the late Recorder of *London* "never to try a case of perjury while the cause out of which it arose was in any way undetermined;" and *Parke B.* acted upon that rule. But, further, justices of the peace have not jurisdiction to try or commit for trial on a charge of perjury at common law. *Wightman J.* clearly inclined to that opinion, though the point was not decided, in *Regina v. Bartlett (b)*. *Overend* was then stopped by the Court, and

(a) 8 Car. & P. 50.

(b) 1 Dowl. & L. 95. *Overend* here mentioned stat. 11 & 12 Vict. c. 42. s. 1. (Royal Assent, 14th August, 1848). See Mr. Archbold's note to *Jervis's Acts*, pp. 7, 8. (3d ed.). And, as to trial for perjury, stat. 4 & 5 W. 4. c. 36. s. 17., and 5 & 6 Vict. c. 38. s. 1.

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Pashley was called upon as to the first point. In *Rex v. Ashburn* (a) the trial was postponed, "on the understanding that the rule for a new trial of the civil action should be peremptorily argued in the ensuing term:" but it appears by a note (p. 51 note (b)) that *Littledale J.* afterwards enlarged the rule for a new trial, "in order that the indictment might be tried before it should come on for argument. The magistrates are claiming a discretion not even to hear. The ground of public policy which they allege is at least questionable. It was not recognised in *Earl Verney v. Macnamara* (b), where, on motion to amend a schedule to an answer in Chancery on which an indictment for perjury had been preferred, and threatened, Lord *Thurlow* refused to interfere, saying that, although he himself did not think the defendant intended to perjure himself, the matter was fit to be decided upon by the Grand Jury. That case was acted upon in *Stratford v. Greene* (c), when Lord *Manners* varied an order made by the Master of the Rolls, who had refused to take an answer off the file in order that the plaintiff in the suit might prefer an indictment for perjury upon it: and his Lordship held that the prosecutor was entitled to this, *ex debito justitiæ*. When the present rule was moved for (d) Lord *Denman C. J.* said it seemed very desirable that the prosecutor, in all cases where an indictment was to be preferred, should go before justices. If the prosecution here is delayed while the suit in the Ecclesiastical Court is depending, the indictment may be postponed till it is too late to prefer it. *Pashley*

(a) 8 Car. & P. 50.

(c) 1 Ball & B. 294.

(b) 1 Bro. Ch. Ca. 419.

(d) June 11th, 1849.

then cited *Ayliffe, Parerg.* 254, 255, and 1 *Oughton, Ord. Jud.* 156. et seq. tit. xcix., &c., as shewing how, after exception to a witness, proceedings in the suit might be protracted.

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COLERIDGE J.(a). This rule must be discharged. The question is whether, when we see that the justices have exercised their discretion honestly in refusing to hear the information further, we should say that we think them wrong, and compel them to go on. I think there is abundant reason here for saying that the course they took is the most likely to answer the ends of justice. A suit is depending; and evidence has been given by a witness. Shall a party, perhaps interested in the result, come in, stop the mouth of that witness, and perhaps unavoidably prejudice the Judge, by requiring a magistrate to hear and act upon an information for perjury? The argument in support of the rule goes too far; for the objects which, according to that reasoning, it is necessary to enforce would not be accomplished unless we could direct the justices to commit. It is urged that the suit in the Ecclesiastical Court may continue for an indefinite time; and it is easy to shew by authorities how the proceedings there may be so lengthened under particular circumstances. But those are not the common ones; and there appears no reason for supposing that, in this case, the proceedings will not come to an end in the usual course. The refusal of this rule does not prevent a trial if the prosecutor chooses to go before a grand jury. We only say that we will not oblige the justices to hear an information.

(a) *Patteson* and *Wightman* Js. were not in Court.

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ERLE J. The only question here is whether the magistrates are entirely without discretion as to hearing or refusing to hear the information. A civil suit is depending: they may see that the intention in prosecuting is to have a preliminary enquiry before justices into the matter of the suit. The real object of such an examination before justices is that the party accused may be put under such terms as will make it certain that he will be forthcoming for trial. But the magistrates, when applied to, may see no danger that he will not then be forthcoming; and they may think that justice would be prejudiced by hearing the information. Preferring a bill before a Grand Jury would not have that effect, because it is understood that such a proceeding is *ex parte*, and the matter which comes before the Grand Jury is not publicly known. There is no ground for saying that the magistrates, in a case of this kind, should be denied the exercise of a discretion.

Rule discharged with costs.

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**In the Matter of a Plaintiff in the County Court
of CAMBRIDGE, at CAMBRIDGE, between JOSHUA
LILLEY and JOHN HARVEY.**

Saturday,
November 24th.

NAYLOR, in this term, obtained a rule to shew cause why the defendant should not be discharged out of the custody of the sheriff of *Cambridge* as to the execution to satisfy the executors of the above named *Joshua Lilley* for costs on a rule of this Court of *Trinity* term 1848. *Harvey* had obtained a rule nisi for a prohibition to restrain the Judge of the County Court and the plaintiff from further proceedings in the plaint *Lilley v. Harvey*. In *Trinity* term 1848 *Lilley's* executors obtained a rule discharging the rule nisi with costs, which were taxed at 13*l.* 14*s.*; and *Harvey* was afterwards taken in execution for the said costs, at the suit of the executors. He had remained twelve successive calendar months in prison under the execution.

A person who has been twelve months a prisoner in execution for non-payment of costs, awarded on discharge of a rule for Prohibition, may claim the benefit of stat. 48 G. 3. c. 123. For, since stat. 1 & 2 Vict. c. 110. (sect. 18), such award of costs is, for the purpose of stat. 48 G. 3. c. 123., equivalent to a judgment, without any further order of the Court.

Burcham now shewed cause, and contended that the case did not come within stat. 48 G. 3. c. 123., that act being only for the benefit of persons in execution on judgments in civil actions, as appeared by the words in sect. 1, "debt or damages not exceeding" &c. "exclusive of the costs recovered by such judgment:" and he cited *Rex v. Hubbard* (a), *Rex v. Dunne* (b) and

(a) 10 *East*, 408.

(b) 2 *M. & S.* 201.

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Ex parte Kaye (a). He contended, further, that 1 & 2 Vict. c. 110. s. 18., giving to rules of court "the effect of judgments," did not make the order of the Court operative at once for the purpose of execution, without an attachment or a writ of *habere facias*, and, therefore, that *Harvey* was not in the hands of a person "in execution upon any judgment," within the meaning of stat. 48 G. 3. c. 123., even if that act contained proceedings for a prohibition.

Naylor, contra, cited *Doe dem. Smith v. Roe*

The Court (c), without hearing him further, discharged the rule.

Rule

(a) 1 B. & Ad. 652.

(b) 6 Dowl. & L. 544.

(c) *Coleridge* and *Erle* Js. *Wightman* J. was not referred to the judgment of *Parke* B. in *Jones v. Will* 849. 358. See also *Hodson v. Patterson*, 4 M. & G. 849. 358. See also *Pennington v. Barrell*, 10 Q. B. 531.

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WILLIAM WILSON *against* PETER DE ZULUETA,
PEDRO DE ZULUETA, and MARIANO DE ZULUETA.

Saturday,
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ASSUMPSIT. The declaration stated that heretofore, and before and at the time of the agreement after mentioned, plaintiff and defendants, and the other parties to the agreement, excepting Don Antonio Parejo in the agreement mentioned, were resident in *England*, and the said Don Antonio Parejo, in the agreement after mentioned, was resident out of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, at *Havana*, in the island of *Cuba*; and the defendants were then foreign agents; and, as such, entered into the contract and agreement. And thereupon afterwards, to wit 30th *March* 1848, a certain agreement in writing was made and entered into by and between the plaintiff (the party in the said agreement, and hereinafter, mentioned and described as *William Wilson*) and the other parties in the said

Plaintiff and defendant being resident in *England*, and P. at *Havana*, and defendant being a foreign agent, a written agreement was entered into by plaintiff with defendant "in behalf and representation of P. of *Havana*" (so stated in the agreement), that plaintiff would proceed as fireman and stoker on board the *T.* steamer, then about to leave *London* for *Havana*, calling at intermediate ports, to be placed in the service of P., and would faithfully do the work of fireman or stoker on board the *T.*, and obey the orders of the engineers. In consideration of the service, plaintiff was to receive wages at 5*l.* per month, payable monthly, and 2*l.* per month for providing himself in provisions. During the outward passage, rations were to be served out to plaintiff on account of P. The contract to be understood to be in force for one year certain from the date; and, should plaintiff be discharged before that time, three months' wages to be paid in advance, besides finding him a passage home; P. being at liberty to confirm and continue the engagement on the terms stated, or to discharge plaintiff and to find him his passage back to *England*: the wages to be payable up to the day of plaintiff's arrival in *England*, unless he should be discharged for misconduct: one month's pay to be advanced for plaintiff's outfit for the voyage.

Held:

1. That the agreement did not require a stamp, being within the exemption "memorandum or agreement for the hire of any labourer," in stat. 55 G. 3. c. 184. Schedule, Part I. tit. *Agreement*.
2. That defendant was liable for breaches of this agreement by the not serving of rations during the outward passage, by the discharge of plaintiff before the *T.* arrived at *Havana*, and by the non-payment of three months' wages in advance.

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agreement, and hereinafter, mentioned and described as *William Roberts, &c.* (mentioning nine besides plaintiff), and the defendants (the parties in the agreement, and hereinafter, mentioned and described as *Messieurs Zulueta & Co.*): which said agreement was and is in the words and figures following. — is this day mutually agreed between *William Wilson &c.* “and Messrs. *Zulueta & Co.* in behalf and presentation of *Don Antonio Parejo of Havana,* follows: That *William Wilson,*” &c. “will proceed firemen or stokers on board the *Tridente* steamship which is about to leave *London* for *Havana,* calling at intermediate ports, to be placed in the service of the said *Don Antonio Parejo.* That *William Wilson &c.* “will faithfully, and to the best of their abilities discharge the duty and do the work of firemen or stokers on board the *Tridente,* and be particularly careful to obey the orders and follow the directions of the engineers in every respect. They engage to conduct themselves with sobriety and steadiness, to be respectful and moral in their conduct whilst in the service, and to subject themselves to its established rules and regulations; and no bilge or flue money allowed. That, in consideration for the faithful performance of this service, they will receive wages at the rate of 5*l.* per month, payable monthly, and 2*l.* per month for providing themselves in provisions. During the outward passage rations will be served out to them on account of the said *Don Antonio Parejo;* which they will have to cook themselves. This contract is understood to be in force for one year certain from this date: and, should they be discharged before that time, three months’ wages to be paid in advance, besides

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finding them a passage home: Don *Antonio Parejo* being at liberty to confirm and continue the engagement on the terms heretofore stated, or to discharge them, and then find them their passage back to *England*. It is understood that their wages will be considered due, and will be payable, up to the day of their arrival back to *England*, unless they are discharged through ill conduct, disobedience or inebriety; in which case their pay will cease on the day of their discharge. One month's pay is to be advanced for their outfit to the said , for the voyage; which amount they acknowledge to have received in cash. Dated in *London*, this 13th day of *March*, 1848." Averment that, although the *Tridente* steamer, after the making of the agreement, to wit on 20th *March* 1848, left *London*, and proceeded upon her said outward passage in the agreement mentioned, and although plaintiff did then, to wit on &c., proceed as fireman or stoker on board the said steamer, and continued as such fireman or stoker on board the steamer until he was discharged and dismissed as after mentioned, and although plaintiff did, until he was so discharged and dismissed, well and truly perform and fulfil all things in the agreement contained on his part to be performed &c., and although plaintiff, at the time that he was discharged and dismissed, was ready and willing to have continued as such fireman or stoker on board the steamer, and then and thenceforth to have well and truly performed and fulfilled all things in the said agreement on his part &c., nevertheless that, during a large part of the time during which the steamer was proceeding on her said outward passage in the agreement mentioned, and before the

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expiration of one year from the date of the agreement, and before the dismissal and discharge of plaintiff as after mentioned, and before the commencement of this suit, to wit from 21st *March* 1848 until 14th *August* 1848, the said rations in the agreement mentioned were not served out to plaintiff. That, whilst the steamer was on her outward passage, and before she arrived at *Havana*, and before the expiration of one year from the date of the agreement, and before the commencement of this suit, to wit on 14th *August* 1848, neither defendants nor Don *Antonio Parejo* would suffer or permit plaintiff to continue any longer on board the said steamer as such fireman or stoker, or any longer to observe, perform or fulfil any of the matters or things in the agreement mentioned on plaintiff's part and behalf to be performed and fulfilled; nor would defendants, or Don *Antonio Parejo*, thenceforth perform or fulfil the said agreement on their or either of their parts and behalfs to be performed and fulfilled; and they then, to wit on the day and year last aforesaid, wholly refused so to do, and then, to wit on the day and year last aforesaid, wholly discharged plaintiff (but not for any ill conduct, disobedience or inebriety of the plaintiff) from all further performance of the agreement, and from his employment as fireman or stoker on board the said steamer. That defendants have not, nor hath the said Don *Antonio Parejo*, or any person on their or either of their behalf, ever at any time paid to plaintiff the said three months' wages in advance from the day of the plaintiff's said discharge, or any part of such wages: And so plaintiff saith that defendants have broken their said agreement &c.

Plea 2. That defendants did not enter into the supposed contract and agreement, nor was the supposed agreement in writing, in the declaration mentioned, made and entered into by and between the plaintiff and the said other parties in the said declaration in that behalf mentioned and described and the defendants, in manner and form, &c.: Conclusion to the country. Issue thereon.

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There were several other pleas leading to issues in fact.

On the trial, before *Alderson B.*, at the last *Lewes Assizes*, an unstamped agreement, corresponding to that set out in the declaration, was offered in evidence. It was objected, for the defendants, that, as the matter of the agreement was of the value of more than 20*l.*, it could not be received; and, further, that it shewed no liability on the part of the defendants. For the plaintiff it was argued that the agreement was within the exemption after mentioned, and also that it bound the defendants as parties. The learned Judge reserved leave to move for a nonsuit, or verdict for defendants, on both points, received the evidence, and left the case on the disputed facts to the jury. Verdict for plaintiff on all the issues.

In this term, *Channell Serjt.* obtained a rule Nisi for a nonsuit, or to enter a verdict for defendants on the issue upon the second plea, or to arrest the judgment.

Shee Serjt. and *Lush* now shewed cause. First, as to the stamp (a). The plaintiff, as appears by the agree-

(a) *Shee Serjt.* contended that the evidence shewed the existence of a duplicate original agreement, and that therefore the defendants ought

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ment, was employed as a fireman and stoker: This document therefore comes within the exemption under the head *Agreement*, in stat. 55 G. 3. c. 184., Schedule, Part I., “Memorandum or Agreement for the hire of any labourer, artificer, manufacturer or menial servant.” The argument on the other side is that the agreement shews the plaintiff to have been engaged as a mariner, and that mariners are not comprehended under the exemption mentioned, inasmuch as an agreement respecting a particular class of mariners is afterwards expressly exempted, namely, “Memorandum or agreement made between the master and mariners of any ship or vessel, for wages, on any voyage coastwise from port to port in *Great Britain*,” an exemption which, it is said, would be superfluous if all mariners were within the former exemption. The answer is that the plaintiff is not a mariner at all: he is employed merely to manage the steam engine. But it is said that stat. 7 & 8 Vict. c. 112. (“to amend and consolidate the laws relating to merchant seamen;” &c.) enacts (s. 63.) “that every person (apprentices excepted) who shall be employed or engaged to serve in any capacity on board the same” (*i. e.* “any ship belonging to any subject of Her Majesty”) “shall be deemed and taken to be a seaman, within the meaning and for the purposes of this Act.” But, by the same Act, sect. 41, “all agreements,” &c. “made, signed, or executed in compliance with or under the provisions of this Act, shall be wholly exempt from stamp duty.” It is, how-

to have shewn that such duplicate was not stamped; and he referred to *Pooley v. Goodwin*, 4 A. & E. 94.: but the Court were of opinion that the existence of the duplicate was not shewn.

ever, said that sect. 41 exempts only agreements in reference to ships belonging to English subjects, and that this is not such a ship: if that be so, sect. 63 is also inapplicable.

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Secondly, the defendants were personally liable on this agreement. The contract, in terms, is made by the defendants "in behalf and representation of Don Antonio Parejo;" and, as the record shews (a), at the time of making the agreement Don Antonio Parejo was out of the kingdom, and the immediate parties to the agreement were all in *England*. Don Antonio was therefore not liable at all: the credit was given to the defendants: for, where a principal resides abroad, the credit is given to the agent, though the principal be named in the contract. That doctrine is distinctly laid down by Lord Tenterden in *Thomson v. Davenport* (b). To the same effect are *Story, Commentaries on the Law of Agency*, ss. 268, 290, and the language of *Eyre C. J.* in *De Gaillon v. L'Aigle* (c). *Thomson v. Davenport* (b) was recognised as law in *Smyth v. Anderson* (d). It is, however, argued that this doctrine is confined to cases of the purchase of goods, and is inapplicable to an executory contract, especially a contract to be executed abroad. No authority can be shewn for that distinction: the doctrine rests upon mercantile convenience, which applies to one class of contracts as much as to another. But, further, in this contract a power was reserved to Don Antonio to confirm and continue, or put an end to, the contract. He, therefore, was clearly not in the

(a) The allegation was traversed by the first plea; but the issue was found for the plaintiff.

(b) 9 B. & C. 78. 87.

(c) 1 B. & P. 368.

(d) 7 Com. B. 21.

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first instance bound by it: and, in the meantime, the plaintiff must have looked to the defendants, and to them only. The first advances are to be made in this country before the ship leaves *London*.

Channell Serjt. and Peacock, contra. First, it is clear that the exemption from stamp in stat. 55 G. 3. c. 184. does not apply to agreements with mariners of any description, except that specially pointed out in the Schedule, Part 1.: the question, therefore, is whether the plaintiff was a mariner. Now, independently of the general inference arising from the explanatory clause, sect. 63, of stat. 7 & 8 Vict. c. 112., respecting seamen in *British* ships, all who aid in navigating a vessel at sea are seamen and mariners. The plaintiff would have been treated as a mariner in a suit in the Admiralty Court.

Secondly, the principal, Don *Antonio*, was liable on this contract; and the defendants were not. The doctrine suggested on the other side is true only as a rule of evidence, by which contracts may be interpreted with respect to terms not actually expressed: but, where an express contract in writing is shewn (which this, on the record, appears to be), the Court must gather the effect from the language. Where a party signs a written contract professedly as agent, he is at any rate not liable on that account as a contractor, whatever other liability the facts may create; *Jenkins v. Hutchinson* (a). On an ordinary sale and purchase of goods in this country, it is a reasonable inference of fact, that the parties residing here are looked to as principals,

(a) 13 Q. B. 744.

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there being no express stipulation to the contrary: where the agreement is to be performed abroad, the reason and the inference fail. It is true that the language of *Story* appears to go farther: but the instances on which he relies are sales of goods; such are *Paterson v. Gandasequi* (a) and *Thomson v. Davenport* (b); and drawing and acceptance of bills. *De Gaillon v. L' Aigle* (c) is reported at a stage (d) earlier than that at which the dictum of *Eyre* C. J., which has been referred to, occurred; and that case also appears to have arisen upon a sale of goods. In *Smith's Mercantile Law*, p. 132. (4th ed.), B. i. ch. 5. s. 4., the doctrine is laid down in general terms; but the authorities cited are *Paterson v. Gandasequi* (a) and *Thomson v. Davenport* (b); so that the author is clearly speaking of sales of goods. The utmost that can be said is, that residence abroad raises a presumption to be rebutted: but the written agreement here does rebut the presumption. If the rule be as general as is suggested on the other side, it would follow that a written contract, made in *England* by an agent expressly in that character, for a clerk to reside abroad with a principal named, during three years, to be there instructed, raised only a contract with the agent as principal.

COLERIDGE J. (e). I am of opinion that this rule must be discharged. As to the first point, relating to the stamp, I agree that, if the plaintiff were a seaman, there would be a great deal in the argument

(a) 15 *East*, 62.

(b) 9 *B. & C.* 78.

(c) 1 *B. & P.* 368.

(d) 1 *B. & P.* 357.

(e) *Patterson* and *Wightman* Js. were absent.

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which has been urged from the exemption which the schedule contains with respect to an agreement between master and mariners. But I think we must look on the plaintiff, and those who joined with him in the agreement, simply as labourers and artificers. They agreed to discharge the duty, and do the work, of firemen and stokers on board the ship, and to obey the orders and follow the directions of the engineers. No doubt, if that contract related to service on a common locomotive engine, the contractors would be labourers; whether they would be artificers I do not know. The circumstance that the service was to be performed on board a ship did not make them seamen. The agreement, therefore, is fully within the words "memorandum or agreement for the hire of any labourer." As to the second point, I do not think it necessary to lay down the general rule, to which my brothers *Shee* and *Channell* have adverted, that, wherever an agent in this country, on behalf of a principal residing abroad, makes a contract to be performed abroad, the agent is to be considered liable to the contract, thus extending the rule which has prevailed in the case of goods sold which are to be delivered here. In the present instance, we are dealing with a written contract; and the question is to whom, upon that contract, the credit is given. I think, in the first instance at all events, the intention was to make the party at home liable. There are things to be performed, partly here, partly and contingently abroad, and partly on what may be called neutral ground, on the high seas. In the first instance, to carry out the contract, one month's pay is to be advanced, which must be done here. When the difficulty is suggested of an action here instead of abroad, in respect to a

breach which may take place abroad, it may be answered that there is a difficulty also if the parties, when they come here, have to prosecute their action against a foreigner: one difficulty seems to meet the other. The contract is to be in force for a year certain; and, if the stokers be discharged before that time, three months' wages are to be paid in advance, and a passage home to be provided for them. Then come the words "Don *Antonio Parejo* being at liberty to confirm and continue the engagement on the terms heretofore stated, or to discharge them, and then find them their passage back to England." Now, when the parties entered into that contract, they seem to have considered Don *Antonio* to be perfectly free until the vessel arrived at *Havana*; and then he was to continue the contract if he pleased. That might possibly raise a new contract. But suppose Don *Antonio* chose to say he would do nothing: was he not at liberty to say so? Were then the contractors to be without any remedy? But, if you understand them to say to the agent, "We agree with you now, but have no objection to substitute Don *Antonio* afterwards," then all the objections and difficulties disappear.

ERLE J. I am also of opinion that this rule should be discharged. The first question is, whether the agreement which the plaintiff, in the capacity of a stoker, has made with the defendant (as we may assume, so far as regards this question), as a merchant, to do labour on board the ship, is an agreement for the hire of a labourer or an artificer, the statute having exempted such agreement from stamp duty. If the matter stood there, no man would doubt that a stoker hired to

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work an engine on land would be a labourer, whether the engine were moveable or not: and it would make no difference that the engine were one moveable on water: the stoker would not for that reason cease to be a labourer. But then it is said that another exemption specifies an agreement with a particular class of mariners, thus shewing that the exemption first mentioned does not include mariners. I do not know that this reasoning is very satisfactory. Sometimes general words are followed unnecessarily by specific words in a distant part of a statute. I should construe the words, upon which such an argument is founded with some strictness; and it seems to me that the argument here is a considerable strain upon the words. But in this contract I find that the stoker is to obey the orders of the engineers. Therefore, putting even the limitation contended for upon the exemption as to agreements with labourers, the plaintiff not being a mariner, the agreement would be within the exemption. It is matter of common knowledge that words in one act of parliament may have a meaning which they would not have in another: and I do not mean to say that the plaintiff might not, under some other act of parliament, be subject to liabilities as a mariner. But my judgment is limited to the interpretation of the Schedule to the Stamp Act. Then as to the question respecting the liability of the defendants on this contract. The defendants describe themselves as entering into it "in behalf and representation of Don Antonio Parejo." Now, without going the length of the argument urged on behalf of the plaintiff, that all contracts made here by an agent on behalf of a foreign principal are to be considered as the contracts of the

agent, and without limiting the rule to the case of goods sold and to be delivered in *England*, that is to say, without adopting either the extreme rule or the extreme limitation, I think, the defendants have here made themselves liable for at any rate a part of the contract. The cases are well known in which an attorney has been held personally liable upon a contract made by him with a party who knew him to be acting as attorney (a). Now here the parties stipulate that they shall proceed on board the ship which is going to *Havana*, to be placed in the service of Don *Antonio*: he has power to confirm and continue the engagement at *Havana*, or to discharge the plaintiff. I cannot understand how this contract was to take effect if the meaning be that from the first no liability is looked to except that of Don *Antonio*. My brother *Channell* has pressed upon us the case of a party who contracts to serve abroad: but that is a case excluded here, because the discharge may take place, and has in fact taken place, before the arrival of the ship in a foreign port.

Rule discharged.

(a) See the authorities cited in *Downman v. Williams*, 7 Q. B. 103.

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ANN LEVY against RAILTON.

If a plea be so pleaded that it is manifestly intended to embarrass the plaintiff, the Court, on affidavit that the plea is false, will set it aside.

As, where, to an action by the second indorsee of a bill of exchange against the acceptor, defendant pleaded that the acceptance was obtained from him by fraud of the drawer, that the bill was overdue when indorsed by the drawer to the first indorsee, and that both indorsees, at the time of taking the bill, had notice of the premises.

A plea under such circumstances is not treated as a mere irregularity.

HAWKINS, in this term (9th November), obtained a rule to shew cause why the pleas pleaded herein should not be set aside, and why the plaintiff should not be at liberty to sign judgment, and why the defendant should not pay the costs of this application.

From the affidavits in support of the rule it appeared that the declaration was in assumpsit on a bill of exchange drawn on 20th July 1849, by *Otto Henry Kaselack* and *Rudolph Neubaur* upon defendant, payable to their order, for 21*l.* 12*s.*, at two months, accepted by defendant, indorsed by *Kaselack* and *Neubaur* to *Joseph Wolff*, and by *Wolff* to plaintiff. The defendant pleaded "That the defendant's acceptance of the said bill was obtained by the said *O. H. K.* and *R. N.* by fraud and covin practised upon him, the defendant, by the said *O. H. K.* and *R. N.*, and others in collusion with them and the defendant further says that the said bill was payable and over due, according to the tenor and effect thereof, before and at the time when the same was first indorsed by the said *O. H. K.* and *R. N.* to the said *J. W.*, and before and at the time when he indorsed the same to the plaintiff, and when the said *J. W.* and the plaintiff respectively first took and received the same: and that the said *J. W.* and the plaintiff respectively had notice of the premises in this plea alleged before and at the time when they respectively first took and

received the same bill:" verification. The affidavits set out the consideration for the acceptance, namely, the sale and delivery of champagne to the defendant, at his request, by the drawers; they further stated that the indorsement to *Wolff* was for a bonâ fide and valuable consideration; and that "the plea pleaded herein is wholly false and untrue." The defendant had obtained leave to plead several pleas; but he had not drawn up the order, and had delivered merely the above. From the affidavit in answer it appeared that the plea had been delivered on last 3d *November*, and plaintiff had on 8th *November* been served with a rule to reply; but no replication had been delivered; and that a summons had been taken out on 6th *November* to set aside the plea, and had been heard, on 7th *November*, at chambers, before *Wightman* J., who had refused to make any order on the summons. There were no depositions to the truth of the plea.

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Lush now shewed case. The application is too late. [*Wightman* J. It is not a case of ordinary irregularity.] The plaintiff may reply *De injuriâ*: the defendant will undertake not to demur. The plea may possibly be open to a special demurrer, for duplicity: but it is not to be therefore set aside. It has been held that a single plea is not to be set aside upon affidavit that it is false; *Smith v. Backwell* (a).

Hawkins, contra. In *Smith v. Backwell* (a) the only objection to the plea was that it was sworn to be false. The defendant here, if he had not intended to embarrass the plaintiff, might have pleaded the matter

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of supposed defence by different pleas. *Smith v. Bacwell* (a) was cited in *Smith v. Hardy* (b), where the Court, distinguishing the case from *Smith v. Bacwell* (a), set the plea aside, "as presenting two points for issue;" it being sworn that the plea was false. The same principle was acted upon in the Exchequer four days ago, in *Nutt v. Rush* (c). There *Parke* said that the plaintiff "ought not to be subjected to the inconvenience of having to consult his counsel to the proper method of replying." (He was then stopped by the Court.)

COLERIDGE J (d). It is important not to part with our jurisdiction in such cases; though we must exercise it with the greatest possible caution. And, where a plea is false in fact and puts the plaintiff into a difficulty as to the mode of replying, we ought always to act upon the principle which has been laid down, and set the plea aside.

WIGHTMAN and ERLE Js. concurred.

Rule absolute

(a) 4 Bing. 512.

(b) 8 Bing. 435.

(c) 4 Exch. 490.

(d) *Patteson J.* was absent.

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The QUEEN *against* HOLBOROW.

Wednesday,
November 28th.

ON appeal against an order of two justices for maintenance of a bastard, the following order was made by the Quarter Sessions.

“Whereas *Thomas Holborow* did at this Sessions enter his appeal against an order under the hands and seals of *George Heneage Walker Heneage*, Esq., and *John Guthrie*, clerk, two of Her Majesty's justices of the peace in and for the said county of *Wilts*, made at a Petty Session” &c., “holden in and for” &c., “at the town hall at *Calne*” &c., “and bearing date the 16th day of *October* last past, whereby the said *T. H.* was adjudged to be the putative father of a certain bastard child born of the body of *Lucy Witchell*, and ordered to make certain payments therein mentioned in respect of such bastard child: Now, on hearing counsel on both sides, this Court doth refuse to allow the said appeal, for insufficiency of notice of the recognizance, and doth confirm the said order: and, in pursuance of the statute in such case” &c., “this Court doth order that the said *T. H.* do pay to the said *Lucy Witchell*, in whose behalf the said appeal is determined, 2*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* for her costs in and about the said appeal, subject to the opinion of the Court of Queen's Bench on the following case.”

An order of Sessions, whereby, after reciting that an appeal has been entered by a putative father against an order of maintenance, the Sessions (under stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c.* 10. s. 3.) refuse to allow the appeal, for insufficiency of the notice of recognizance, and confirm the order of maintenance with costs, is bad by reason of the improper confirmation.

Notice of recognizance, under stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c.* 10. s. 3., is sufficient, though it do not state that the recognizance has the several conditions required by that clause, but, only, that it is conditioned for trial of the appeal.

(a) The Court sat in Banc on the 27th, 28th, and 29th of November, and the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 18th of December.

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When the appeal was called on, the counsel for the appellant proposed to prove his notice; when he was met by an objection from the counsel for the respondent that the notices of recognizance were not sufficient, inasmuch as, upon the face of the said notices, it did not appear that the recognizance was conditioned as required by stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 10. s. 3. The Court of Quarter Sessions allowed the objection, and refused to allow the appeal; and the order stood confirmed, subject to the opinion of the Court of Queen's Bench. The notices were as follows.

“ To *Lucy Witchell*.

“ As the attorney for and on behalf of *Thomas Holborow* of” &c., “ farmer, I hereby give you notice that the said *T. H.* did, on the 16th day of *October* instant, enter into a recognizance before a justice of the peace acting in and for the county of *Wilts* (such justice of the peace being one of the two justices of the peace making the order hereinafter mentioned), to try his appeal at the General Quarter Sessions of the peace for the county of *Wilts*, to be holden at *Devizes* in the said county after the period of fourteen days next after the making of the said order, against an order of affiliation made on the said 16th day of *October* instant, whereby he was adjudged to be the putative father of a bastard child of which you had then been lately delivered. Dated this 19th day of *October* 1848.

(Signed) *William Stephens Jones.*”

“ To *Lucy Witchell*.

“ Take notice that I, the undersigned *Thomas Holborow*, did, on the 16th day of *October* instant, enter

into a recognizance before *G. H. W. Heneage*, Esq., and the Rev. *J. Guthrie*, or one of them, being the justices or a justice of the peace acting in and for the county of *Wilts*, to try my appeal at the General Quarter Sessions of the peace for the county of *Wilts*, to be holden at *Devizes* in the said county after the period of fourteen days next after the making of the order herein mentioned, against an order of affiliation made" &c. (describing the order as in the preceding notice, down to the words "lately delivered"). "Dated this 19th day of *October* 1848.

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(Signed) *Thomas Holborow.*"

The question for the opinion of the Court is: Are these notices sufficient, without a further statement of the condition of the recognizance? If the Court should be of opinion that these notices are not sufficient, then the order of Sessions, and the order of the justices, are to be confirmed. If the Court should be of the contrary opinion, then the said appeal is to be sent back to the Court of Quarter Sessions to be heard.

Hodges, in support of the order of Sessions. By sect. 3 of stat. 8 & 9 *Vict.* c. 10., which amends stat. 7 & 8 *Vict.* c. 101., the recognizance to be given by the appellant in bastardy, under sect. 4 of the last mentioned act, must be conditioned for three things; appearance at the Sessions, trial of the appeal there, and payment of costs if ordered: the appellant must give to the woman a notice in writing of his having so entered into "such recognizance;" and, unless he enter into the

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recognizance and give "such notice or notices as aforesaid," the appeal shall not be allowed. The notice therefore, ought to shew that the recognizance contained all the required conditions; and that is not done here. [Patteson J. Would it be enough to state in the notice that the appellant had entered into a recognizance "pursuant to the statute?"] It perhaps might.

Slade, contra. The question is on the sufficiency, of the recognizance, but of the notice of recognizance. The object of that notice is only to apprise the world that the appellant has put himself in a situation to quash the order of maintenance if she does not appear at the Sessions. The particularity insisted upon might rather be expected in the notice of appeal; but that is not required by stat. 7 & 8 *Vict.* c. 101. s. 4., is not required to be in writing. There is a common form of recognizance and condition annexed to stat. 8 & 9 *Vict.* c. 10. (Schedule No. 9.), which the act, sect. 1, makes sufficient in all cases; the notice cannot give any additional information.

PATTESON J. This order of Sessions is strange. The Court cannot confirm the order of justices, though, by stat. 8 & 9 *Vict.* c. 10. s. 3., if they think that proper notice of recognizance has not been given, the appeal "shall not be allowed." If they could not enter into the appeal, I do not see how they could confirm the order. I think the notice here was sufficient; and in all events, if, by the statute, the defendant was not bound to Court, the Sessions could not make an award of costs against him.

ERLE J. (a). I think the notice was sufficient. And if the Sessions thought the appellant had no locus standi, they ought not to have confirmed the order.

Order of Sessions quashed (b).

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(a) Coleridge J. had left the Court.

(b) See, as to the form of notice, *Regina v. Recorder of Leeds*, 1 *Lowndes & Maxwell's Bail Court Cases*, 50.

The QUEEN against The Inhabitants of OVER.

Wednesday,
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TOWNSEND, in last *Easter* term, obtained a rule to shew cause why the after mentioned order of Sessions, brought into this Court by certiorari, should not be quashed. The facts of the case, shewn by affidavit, were as follows.

Two justices made an order for the removal of *Ann Austin* and her children from the township of *Parr* in *Lancashire* to the township of *Over* in *Cheshire*. On 29th of *May*, 1848, the overseers of *Over* gave notice of appeal against the order for the next *Lancashire Quarter Sessions* to be holden at *Kirkdale*; but they did not serve grounds of appeal. On *July* 8th, 1848, the attorneys for the appellants wrote to the attorneys for the respondents, stating that they had not been instructed in time to serve grounds of appeal for the ensuing sessions, and should therefore enter and respite; and that the attorneys, respectively, would, if they met at those sessions, probably have an opportunity of coming to terms. The respondents' attorneys answered that they

Appellants entered and respited an appeal against an order of removal, but did not deliver grounds of appeal. Afterwards they gave notice of abandoning their appeal, but did not satisfy the respondents as to costs. The respondents, therefore, went to the next Quarter Sessions, and moved (the appellants not being present) that the order might be confirmed. The Sessions (after stat. 11 & 12 *Vict. c. 31.*) confirmed the order of removal, and awarded costs

to be paid by the appellants to the respondents

Held, on certiorari and motion to quash, that, although the confirmation was an excess of authority, the order of Sessions was valid as to the award of costs.

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thought the appellants could not then enter and respite, having given notice of appeal, and having had time to serve grounds. On *July* 12th, 1848, the *Kirkdale* sessions were held; and one of the attorneys for the appellants met there Mr. *Heyes*, attorney for the respondents; and he (as was stated in the affidavit on behalf of the appellants), after some conversation, did not think fit to oppose the entering and respite, and the appeal was thereupon entered and respited. On 15th *September* 1848, the attorneys for the appellants wrote to the attorneys for the respondents that they abandoned the appeal, and that the paupers might be removed. The attorneys for the respondents thereupon sent to the appellants a bill of costs, saying: "We have received your note" "expressing an intention of abandoning this appeal, and, in reply, beg to enclose our account of costs consequent upon the appeal." "On receiving your undertaking to pay" expense of past relief and "the costs, we will inform the overseers of *Parr* that the paupers' may be removed." The appellants' attorneys, in answer, denied (except as to one item) that the appellants were liable to costs. The respondents' attorneys insisted that they were entitled to the costs of attendance at *Kirkdale*, as consequent on the notice of appeal: and, this not being assented to, they stated that, under the circumstances, they considered the appeal still depending, and should go to the next sessions, prepared to try.

The appellants did not serve any new notice of appeal or any notice of grounds; nor did they make any further entry of an appeal. But at the *Kirkdale* sessions held *November* 1st, 1848 (the next after the entry and respite), the order in question was made:

by which, after reciting that the appellants did not appear, the Court, on motion by the respondents, did "adjudge, order and direct that the said order of removal be, and the same is hereby, confirmed. And this Court doth, upon the like motion of counsel for the said respondents, and upon like due consideration of the premises, think fit to order and direct, and doth hereby accordingly adjudge, order and direct, that the overseers of the poor of the said township of *Over* do and shall, upon demand, and upon production of this order to them or any one of them, pay or cause to be paid unto the said overseers of the poor of the said township of *Parr* the sum of 17*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.*, as and for their costs and charges in this appeal." And the Court certified that amount to be reasonable.

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Costing now shewed cause (a). The Sessions had jurisdiction over the appeal by the entry and respite, and had authority to give the costs, under stat. 8 & 9 W. 3. c. 30. s. 3. There was no other way in which the respondents could obtain them. *Regina v. Stoke Bliss* (b), on which the present application proceeds, is distinguishable from this case. There the appellants gave notice of appeal against the order of removal, but countermanded it and never entered an appeal; the respondents entered it; and the Sessions confirmed the order, which they had no authority to do under the circumstances, and made an order for costs, which this Court considered ancillary to the confirmation. [*Patteson J.* mentioned stat. 11 & 12 Vict. c. 31. s. 8.]

(a) Before *Patteson, Coleridge* and *Erle, Js.*

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That relates only to costs payable by those who effectually abandon an order of removal. A further remedy has been given, but since the proceedings question, by stat. 12 & 13 *Vict. c. 45. ss. 5, 6.*

Townsend, contra. The respondents might have obtained their costs regularly under stat. 8 & 9 *W. c. 30.*, without asking the Sessions to confirm an order over which (by stat. 4 & 5 *W. 4. c. 76. s. 81.*) they had no jurisdiction for that purpose, no grounds of appeal having been delivered. The objection is substantially the same as that which prevailed in *Regina v. Stoke Bliss* (a): and the appellants' view of the case is consistent with *Regina v. The Justices of Cheshire* (b) and *Regina v. Oundle* (c). The respondents had no occasion, after notice of abandonment, to attend the Sessions in support of the order. And the express entry of a confirmation was more prejudicial than the mere existence of an order not appealed against. [*Erle J.* An order unappealed against is conclusive upon all the world.] It has not precisely the effect of a confirmation, which is a direct adjudication on the settlement (d). In *Regina v. The Justices of the West Riding* (*Sheffield v. Crich* (e)), where the appellants had countermanded their notice of appeal, and the respondents afterwards entered the appeal without their consent, and the order was confirmed, this Court ordered the entry to be erased because it might prejudice the appellants on a future occasion. The confirmation,

(a) 6 *Q. B.* 158.

(b) 8 *A. & E.* 398.

(c) 3 *Q. B.* 353., note (a).

(d) *Townsend* referred here to *Theobald on the Poor Laws*. See Ch. 16. s. 3.

(e) 5 *Q. B.* 1.

upon such entry, though irregularly made, might stand **in** the way of a second appeal. [*Erle J.* Could there **be** a second appeal?] *Regina v. Macclesfield* (a) is an **instance**. [*Erle J.* There the first appeal was against **an** order of removal, and was a nullity: and a second **appeal** was lodged against the removal itself (b).] The **first** appeal here was a nullity for the same reason, that **no** grounds of appeal had been served. The Sessions **had** no power to hear and determine. The notice of **intended** entry and respite was a mere form; *Regina v. Justices of Surrey* (c): it could not for ever preclude the appellants from renouncing an appeal: and notice of abandonment was given six weeks before the Sessions.

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PATTESON J., on a subsequent day of the vacation (*December 7th*), delivered the judgment of the Court.

In this case the appeal had been duly entered and respited after notice to the respondents; and the appellants subsequently gave notice to the respondents that they abandoned the appeal: but, as the appellants had not paid the costs, the respondents had a right to apply for them at the next Sessions under stat. 8 & 9 *W. 3. c. 30. s. 3.* Under these circumstances a judgment that the appeal be dismissed and costs be paid would have been right; and the judgment that the order be confirmed was an excess of authority; but we think that the order need not on that account be quashed, as the costs would be the same whether the appeal was dismissed or the order confirmed, and

(a) 13 Q. B. 881.

(b) See *Regina v. The Justices of Middlesex*, 9 Dowl. P. C. 163.

(c) 6 Dowl. & L. 735.

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the rights of the parties are not affected by the entry that the order was confirmed.

In *Regina v. Stoke Bliss* (a) the appellants, after notice of appeal against the order, countermanded their notice before entry, stating an intention to appeal against the removal. Under these circumstances the entry of the appeal by the respondents, and a judgment that the order be confirmed, was a material excess of jurisdiction, as the right of the appellants to appeal against the removal was thereby taken away, and the entry of the appeal by the respondents is shewn to have been justified. The case is on the grounds substantially different from the present.

The rule therefore for quashing the order of Session must be discharged.

Rule discharged.

(a) 6 Q. B. 158.

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STEELE *against* HOE.

Friday,
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ASSUMPSIT. The declaration stated that, before and up to the making of the defendant's promise after mentioned, the plaintiff had been and was a member of a certain congregation and church of Protestant Dissenters, to wit the Congregation and Church of Baptists at *Clapham*, and had then long held a certain office in the said congregation and church, to wit the office of deacon. And that, during the time the plaintiff was such member &c., and such a deacon &c., and before the making of the promise &c., to wit on 25th *September* 1840, by a certain instrument in writing signed by plaintiff and one *Paul Millard*, then also being a deacon of the said church, and addressed to one *John Edwards*, in pursuance of a certain agreement made between the said church and the said *J. Edwards* at the time of the said *J. E.* resigning the office of minister and pastor of the said church as in the said instrument mentioned, in consideration of the said *J. E.* having resigned the pastoral office over

S. and another, the deacons of a Baptist Congregation, being receivers of its general funds, and managers of its finances, bound themselves (by writing) to *J. E.*, then resigning the office of minister of the church, to repay him, with half-yearly interest, 700*l.*, which he had advanced for the building of a chapel. Besides the general revenue above mentioned, there were funds vested in trustees, which were usually applied to the maintenance of the minister for the time being, and were likewise applicable

to the relief of the poor. After the undertaking to *J. E.*, a new minister was appointed; and he agreed with the Congregation that he would be responsible to *S.*, who was still deacon, and to any future deacon or deacons, for the continued repayment of *J. E.*'s debt; and he also consented that periodical payments of it should be made out of the trust funds. *S.* afterwards resigned; and the new minister gave him a written undertaking as follows.

"In consideration of your having resigned the office of deacon and your connection with the Baptist Church" at &c., "I hereby agree to hold myself responsible to you for the payment of the sum of 150*l.*, due to the Rev. *J. E.* by the Baptist Church" &c., "and also the interest for the same, at the rate" &c. (5 per cent., payable half yearly), "being the residue of the sum of 700*l.*, principal and interest, remaining unpaid, for which you" "became responsible" &c. "by an instrument" &c. (the writing first above mentioned).

Held, on argument of a special case, in an action by *S.* on this promise, that the written instrument given by the minister shewed a valid contract; for that the words might import either a past or a concurrent consideration on *S.*'s part, and that construction was to be preferred which made the instrument good.

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the said church upon the terms therein mentioned, and the said church, at a church meeting held &c., having accepted such resignation, and having agreed at the earliest possible period to pay to *J. E.* 700*l.*, and also interest at 5*l.* per cent. per annum every six months until the full amount of 700*l.* principal and interest should be fully paid, they the plaintiff and the said *P. Millard*, as deacons of the said church, thereby agreed to hold themselves responsible to *J. E.* for the carrying out the said agreement. That, at the time of the making of defendant's said promise, 550*l.*, part of the said principal sum of 700*l.*, had been paid by the said church to the said *J. E.* And that, at the time of the making of the said promise, defendant was the pastor and minister of the said congregation and church. And thereupon, heretofore, to wit on 10th March, 1845, in consideration that plaintiff at the request of defendant would resign the said office of deacon and his connection with the said Baptist church and congregation at Clapham, defendant then promised plaintiff to hold himself responsible to plaintiff for the payment of the said sum of 150*l.* so due to the said *J. E.* by the said Baptist church at Clapham, and also the interest for the same at the rate &c. payable every six months, being the residue of the said sum of 700*l.* principal and interest remaining unpaid, for which plaintiff and the said *P. Millard* had become responsible to *J. E.* as aforesaid. Averment, that plaintiff did then, to wit on &c., resign the said office of deacon and his connection with the Baptist church and congregation at Clapham: and that, at the time of the said Baptist church agreeing to pay to the said *J. E.* the said 700*l.* and interest as aforesaid.

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said, to wit on &c., and on divers other days &c. between that day and the day of the said *J. E.* applying to plaintiff for payment of 150*l.* and interest as after mentioned, the said Baptist church had the power and means of paying, to wit out of the funds of the same church, and, but for their own neglect and default, could and might and ought to have paid, the whole of the said sum of 700*l.* and interest to the said *J. E.*; and, at the time of *J. E.* applying to plaintiff &c. as after mentioned, a reasonable and proper time for the said Baptist church paying to the said *J. E.* the whole of the said 700*l.* and interest according to the said agreement had long elapsed: yet the said Baptist church had not at the time of the said *J. E.* applying to the plaintiff &c. as after mentioned, nor have they since, paid to the said *J. E.* the said 150*l.*, the residue of the said 700*l.*; and the said interest and the said 150*l.*, and a certain other sum, to wit of 5*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* for interest upon the said 150*l.* after the rate aforesaid, then was wholly due and unpaid to the said *J. E.*: and thereupon &c. Averment that *J. E.*, while the said sums of 150*l.* and 5*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* were due to him as aforesaid, applied to plaintiff for payment to him thereof, and then gave plaintiff notice that he, *J. E.*, should commence an action at law against plaintiff for the said sums if the same were not forthwith paid by him to *J. E.*; and thereupon plaintiff afterwards, to wit on &c. 1845, was forced and obliged to pay and necessarily did pay to *J. E.* the said sums of 150*l.* and 5*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*; of all which premises &c.: averment of notice to defendant, and request by plaintiff to him to pay plaintiff the 150*l.* and 5*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* according to defendant's promise: and that, although a reasonable

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time for defendant to pay plaintiff the said sums had the commencement of this suit long elapsed, yet defendant has not paid &c.

Pleas. 1. That plaintiff and *Millard* did not make the agreement &c., in manner and form &c.

2. Non assumpsit.

3. That the said Baptist church had not the power or means of paying, nor could or might they have paid the money in the declaration mentioned, in manner &c.

4. That, at the time of *Edwards* applying to plaintiff for payment &c., a reasonable and proper time for the said Baptist church paying to *Edwards* the whole of the said sum of 700*l.* and interest according to the terms of the agreement in that behalf had not elapsed.

5. As to 4*l.*, parcel of the 5*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*, alleged to have been paid by plaintiff for interest, tender of the 4*l.* which defendant now brought into Court. Verification

The first four pleas concluded to the country; and issues were joined thereon. The plaintiff replied to the fifth plea, admitting tender, and taking the 4*l.* out of Court.

On the trial, before Lord *Denman* C. J., at the sittings in *London*, after *Trinity* term, 1847, a verdict was found for the plaintiff for 150*l.*, subject to the opinion of this Court upon a case, the material part of which are as follows.

The plaintiff, at the date of the agreement of 25th *September*, 1840, hereinafter set forth, was one of the deacons of the Baptist church at *Clapham*; and the defendant was, from 2nd *July*, 1842, and at the time of the commencement of this action, the minister of the said church. The church consists of such of the congrega-

gation as are admitted to membership: they alone have the choice of the minister, and of the deacons: the pew rents and collections are received by the deacons, who are members of the church, and who have the sole management of its finances. In *September* 1840, *Mr. Edwards*, who was then the minister of the church, and had advanced 700*L.* towards the erection of the chapel, resigned his office: and the following agreement with *Mr. Edwards* was entered into and signed by the plaintiff and a *Mr. Millard*, at that time the other deacon of the church.

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“*Rev. John Edwards.* *September 25th, 1840.*”

Reverend Sir,—In consideration of your having resigned the pastoral office over the Baptist church at *Clapham*, and the church, at the church meeting held last evening, having accepted the same, and agreed at the earliest possible period to pay to you the sum of 700*L.*, and also to pay to you interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum every six months until the full amount of 700*L.*, principal and interest, be fully paid; we, the deacons of the said church, hereby agree to hold ourselves responsible to you for the carrying out of the said resolution. We remain,” &c.

“*Thomas Steele. Paul Millard.*”

This sum of 700*L.* was reduced by successive payments, between *September* 1840 and *March* 1845, to 150*L.*; which sum remained due to *Mr. Edwards* at the date of the agreement next set out. In *March* 1845, the defendant entered into and signed the following agreement with the plaintiff.

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Clapham,

March 10th, 1845

"To Mr. *Thomas Steele*.

Sir,—In consideration of your having resigned the office of deacon and your connection with the Baptist church and congregation at *Clapham*, I hereby agree to hold myself responsible to you for the payment of the sum of 150*l.*, due to the Rev. *John Edwards* by Baptist church, *Clapham*, and also the interest for same, at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum payable every six months, being the residue of the sum 700*l.*, principal and interest, remaining unpaid, which you and Mr. *Paul Millard*, deacons of the said church, became responsible to the Rev. *John Edwards* by an instrument bearing date *September 25th*, 1840.

I remain," &c.

"*Benaiah Hoe.*"

In *December* 1845, the said sum of 150*l.*, together with interest amounting to 5*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*, not having been paid to Mr. *Edwards*, he made application through his solicitor to the plaintiff, who paid him 155*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* being the amount of the principal and interest remaining unpaid. The defendant was thereupon called upon, in pursuance of this agreement of 10th *March* 1845, to repay that amount to the plaintiff. He refused to do so.

In *May* 1842 the amount of the debt due from the church to Mr. *Edwards* had been reduced to 500*l.* and on the 31st of that month the following resolution was entered in the church books and signed by the plaintiff (among others). "Resolved that the Rev. *Benaiah Hoe* be respectfully invited to supply the pulpit for one month from the 12th of *June*, with

view to the pastoral office, with a clear understanding that he agrees to the following conditions. Queen's Bench.
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1. That the future pastor of this church be required to give satisfactory pledge, previous to his election to office, that the debt due to Mr. *Edwards* by the church, amounting to 500*l.* with interest, be paid from the chapel funds, not less than 100*l.* per annum at 50*l.* each half year, besides interest. STEELE
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On 30th *June* following the defendant was elected pastor: and on that occasion the following resolution was entered in the church books, and signed by the plaintiff (among others), and was also signed by the defendant on 2d *July* following.

Clapham, June 30th, 1842.

“ Resolved,

“ That the Rev. *Benaiah Hoe* be respectfully invited to become pastor of this church on condition as follows. 1st. That the said Rev. *B. Hoe* agrees to become legally responsible to *Thomas Steele* the present deacon, or any other deacon or deacons that may be chosen by the church in future, for the payment of the sum of 500*l.*, a debt due to Mr. *John Edwards* by the church; and hereby consents and agrees that the trustees of the late *Abraham Atkins*, Esquire, viz. Messrs. *Robarts* and others, pay to *Thomas Steele*, or other deacons of the church that may be chosen, the sum of 100*l.* per annum at 50*l.* each half year, for the purpose of liquidating the above debt due to Mr. *Edwards*; and that he further agrees that the interest of the above debt be paid half yearly from the church's funds until the whole debt due to Mr. *Edwards* be fully paid, principal and

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interest. Ceasing to be pastor of the church, the agreement to be null and void.

2d. "That, whenever a majority of the members of this church shall declare that the pastor for the time being is not acceptable to it, such declaration shall, at the expiration of three months from the day on which it was made, determine and put an end to all relations between this church and its pastor, releasing the pastor from all services otherwise due to the church, and depriving him of all salary and emolument which he might be otherwise entitled to claim. That no election of a pastor to this church shall be complete until he shall have signed the foregoing regulation in token of his willingness to its provisions.

3d. "That the church at *Rochdale* gave him an honourable dismission.

<p>"Signed on behalf of the Church. Done at our Church meeting this day, 30th June, 1842."</p>	}	<p>Signed by "Thomson Steele, Deacon," and three other persons.</p>
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"I hereby accept the church's invitation on the terms above named. 2d of July 1842. *Benaiah Ho~~use~~*"

The trustees for the time being of the fund called "*Atkins's Trust*," which is to be distributed at the discretion of the trustees for the support of the poor of the congregation and to the maintenance of the minister, in such proportions as the trustees may think proper, in the several following years paid to the several persons the sums of money set opposite their respective names from the funds of the said trust. (The court then stated various payments made to the ministers and deacons, from 1840 to 1847 (inclusive), of different

amounts from 75*l.* to 300*l.*) The whole of the foregoing sums were paid by the trustees expressly for the minister's income; and the trustee who was called by the plaintiff at the trial stated that he was not aware of any other endowment; that he had never, since the defendant's appointment, paid anything which might be appropriated to the payment of Mr. *Edwards's* debt; and that no part of the foregoing sums had been in fact appropriated by them to the church. No agreement was ever made with the trustees by the defendant as to the annual sum which he should receive out of this trust fund. The trustees of another fund had also, from the year 1840 to 1845 (both inclusive), paid an annual sum of 11*l.* 10*s.* from the said trust fund to the minister of the church for the time being, for his salary as minister. The trustees of another fund had also, during another period, paid an annual sum of 31*l.* 10*s.* from the said last mentioned fund, being a specific gift to the minister of the church for the time being.

It was agreed that the Court might draw any conclusion of fact which the jury might have drawn. The question for the opinion of the Court was, whether the plaintiff was entitled to recover the whole or any part of the said sum of 150*l.* If the Court should be of opinion that he was entitled to recover, a verdict was to be entered for him for such amount as the Court should direct: if the Court should think that the plaintiff was not entitled to recover any part of the 150*l.*, a nonsuit was to be entered.

The case was now argued (*a*).

(*a*) Before *Patteson*, *Wightman*, and *Erle* Js. *Patteson* J. left the Court near the close of the argument for the plaintiff.

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Butt, for the plaintiff. The defendant will suggest First, that the contract of *September 25th, 1840*, not bind *Millard* and the plaintiff, and therefore plaintiff paid in his own wrong. Secondly, that contract of *March 10th, 1845*, not shewing a consideration, was invalid by the Statute of Frauds. But :

First, the letter signed by *Steele* and *Millard* in 1840 may be read as reciting a contract by Mr. *Edwards* to resign; and, if so, a good executory consideration appears. Secondly, the defendant's letter of *March 1845* shews a good consideration, namely, the plaintiff "having resigned" his office of deacon. In *Thornt v. Jenyns* (a) the Court of Common Pleas deemed (on demurrer to a plea) a valid consideration for the defendant's promise that the plaintiff "had then promised;" holding that the promises might be construed as mutual and concurrent; and in *Payne v. Wilson* (b) where the declaration alleged a promise in consideration that plaintiff "would consent" to suspend proceedings, and the contract proved was: Mr. R. "having" "consented to suspend proceedings," I promise; this Court held that an executory consideration was sufficiently proved. A like construction was adopted in *Dally v. Poolly* (c) and in *King v. Cole* (d) [Patteson J. In all those cases there is a manifest connection between the thing to be done and the consideration; and the Court might infer a request from the party undertaking: here it is not easy, at least in the second contract, to trace such a connection between the promise to pay and the resignation.] The resignation of Mr. *Edwards* was upon a mutual agree-

(a) 1 *Man. & G.* 166.

(c) 6 *Q. B.* 494.

(b) 7 *B. & C.* 423.

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ment between him and the then deacons to accept and to pay 5 per cent. interest half-yearly: so far, at least, the consideration between those parties had a prospective character, which continued till the 700*l.* was paid. Words suggestive of a request are necessary only where the consideration is manifestly a past one. The consideration here was not wholly past at the time of the promise, as in *Roscorla v. Thomas* (a). [*Patteson J.* Does any benefit to the defendant, or detriment to the plaintiff, appear on the second contract?] Resigning the office of deacon is a detriment. [*Patteson J.* That does not appear. *Erle J.* You may perhaps put it, that, if the plaintiff had guaranteed a payment, and held an office which gave him command of funds, it was not likely that he would resign unless he were to be indemnified.] And when parties agree, one to resign, and the other to keep up payments of money, the Court cannot but see that the resignation is of some continuing value. [*Wightman J.* This mode of argument would remove the objection to almost any contract as made on a past consideration.] On the point of construction, *Butcher v. Steuart* (b) and *Goldshede v. Swan* (c) are additional authorities for holding that the consideration here might be concurrent with the promise. If the second contract be an agreement to indemnify, it is not within sect. 4 of the Statute of Frauds, 29 C. 2. c. 3., according to *Thomas v. Cook* (d).

Watson, contra. The defendant must succeed on the first plea; for the contract of September 25th is

(a) 3 Q. B. 234. See *West v. Jackson*, 16 Q. B. 280.

(b) 11 M. & W. 857.

(c) 1 Erch. 154.

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distinctly on a past consideration, and no request appears: and, unless there was an agreement between *Millard* and *Edwards* and the plaintiff upon value in consideration, the plaintiff cannot recover on the contract between him and the defendant. [*Wightman* Giving up something which is of no real value may be a consideration; *Haigh v. Brooks* (a)]. The whole ground of this action is that the plaintiff paid money for which the defendant was responsible; the original contract did not bind, there was no responsibility. As to the second agreement: the defendant's letter of *March* 10th, if amounting to a contract, was a contract to indemnify, and was required by the Statute of Frauds to be in writing (*Green v. Cresswell* (b)); therefore the writing which contained it should have specified a legal consideration but the only consideration apparent is an executory one, without mention of a request. As to *Payne v. Wilson* (c), the consideration there was the plaintiff "having" consented; but it was to something thereafter to be done; there were both a request and a continuing consideration. In *Dally v. Poolly* (d) the consideration was Mr. *Belton's* "having agreed" to something which was future. "Having agreed" was the form of words in *Tanner v. Moore* (e); but the thing to be done was future ("to stay all further proceedings at law"); and this Court held that the consideration was executory, and did not substantially vary from that stated in the declaration, which was

(a) 10 A. & E. 309. Judgment affirmed in Exch. C.; *Brooks v. Haigh*, 10 A. & E. 323.

(b) 10 A. & E. 453. See *Eastwood v. Kenyon*, 11 A. & E. 438.

(c) 7 B. & C. 423.

(d) 6 Q. B. 494.

(e) 9 Q. B. 1.

“agreeing to stay.” The agreement was deemed to be “continuing” “until the action was actually stayed.” [*Wightman* J. The term to “agree” implies something to be done.] In *Butcher v. Stuart* (a) the Court collected from the document and the evidence a promise to discharge the defendant from execution in consideration of the plaintiff’s agreement. It appears that *Parke* B. would have entertained much doubt, if the case had rested solely on the memorandum. In *Thornton v. Jenyns* (b) the question arose (on demurrers to plea and replication), whether the declaration sufficiently shewed an executory consideration; and the Court thought that it did, the word “then,” as it was there used, relating to the same period of time in the case of both the mutual promises. The question in *Goldshede v. Swan* (c) was whether evidence could be received to explain words in the written contract which seemed ambiguous; and the Court held the words sufficiently ambiguous to let in such proof; without it, the document would not, as it seems, have established an executory consideration. [*Erle* J. If, on one construction, the contract would be valid, on another, void, the rule comes in that instruments should be construed ut res valeat.] Lord *Lyndhurst* C. B. said, in *Cole v. Dyer* (d) (where an executory consideration was declared upon, but did not, as was contended, appear on the written instrument given in evidence); “If, in such a written agreement to be answerable for the debt of another person, two distinct considerations may, with equal probability, be

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(a) 11 M. & W. 857.

(b) 1 Man. & G. 166.

(c) 1 Esch. 154. See *Bainbridge v. Wade*, 16 Q. B. 89.

(d) 1 Cr. & J. 461. & C. 1 Tyr. 304.

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inferred as the inducement for that engagement, the writing is not taken out of the operation of the Statute of Frauds, and consequently can give no right of action." [Erle J. It seems strong to say that the instrument shall be construed ut res pereat.] *King v. Cole* (a) is a case, like *Goldshede v. Swan* (b), where the document was construed by the aid of accompanying circumstances, and held to shew an executory consideration. In the present case there is no ambiguity which could render evidence admissible; nor, if there were, would the facts warrant the plaintiff's view. (The argument as to the existence of funds, and lapse of a reasonable time, is omitted.)

Butt, in reply. As to the first point: the objection, if any, is on the record, and ought not to be taken in the present form. But, as is stated in *Chitty on Contracts* 451. c. 3. s. 2. (c) (referring to several authorities), "If" "the consideration can be collected, or fairly and satisfactorily inferred from the memorandum, it is sufficient to satisfy the act" (29 C. 2. c. 3. s. 4.): and that applies to the letter of September 25th, 1840. As to the second point: the letter of March 10th, 1845, is not ambiguous: but, if it were, extrinsic evidence may be used to explain it; and the resignation appears by the case to have been a consideration at least concurrent with the promise.

Cur. adv. vult.

PATTERSON J., in the same vacation (December 18th), delivered the judgment of the Court.

(a) 2 *Erch.* 628.
(c) 4th ed.]

(b) 1 *Esch.* 154.

We think that the plaintiff is entitled to the verdict on all the issues. Queen's Bench.
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As to the first: the instrument produced in evidence contains the effect of the agreement alleged in the declaration and denied by that issue; and the defect of consideration, if any, is shewn on the record.

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As to the second issue: we think that the words, in their ordinary acceptation, are capable of expressing either a past or a concurrent consideration: and, as upon one construction the instrument is void, the other is to be adopted which makes it valid. The expression, that a promise is founded upon a consideration, conveys the notion that the consideration precedes the promise in the mind of the party making the promise; he promises because the consideration exists; and this form of expression is shewn by the authorities to have been frequently used when the consideration and the promise are concurrent. Each side of a contract is consideration or promise according to the party speaking of it: and, if each party were to put into writing his own promise, each side of the contract would in turn appear to have preceded the other, though both formed one agreement: the plaintiff might write "you having guaranteed, I resign;" and the defendant, "you having resigned, I guarantee." So are the authorities. In *Butcher v. Steuart* (a) the defendant wrote "you having released, I promise:" the evidence shewed that the release had not been given when the promise was made, but was then agreed to. So is *King v. Cole* (b), and *Goldshede v. Swan* (c): and the language of Chief Justice Tindal in *Thornton v. Jenyns* (d) expresses very

(a) 11 M. & W. 857.

(b) 2 Exch. 628.

(c) 1 Exch. 154.

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clearly that the form of expression in question is capable of this construction. It seems to us to follow that this construction should be adopted, the presumption being that the parties did not intend that their act should be void. No extrinsic evidence is required for this construction; but such evidence would be requisite for the party alleging that the instrument ought to be held void.

As to the third issue, respecting the funds of the church, we think that funds for the support of the minister were intended to be included, and for the reason the former instrument stated in the case was required from the new minister at the time when the former minister resigned. The remaining issue related to the time: but, as we are of opinion that there were sufficient funds, it follows that a reasonable time for making payment had arrived.

Judgment for plaintiff.

Friday,
December 7th.

ANN BROUGH *against* EISENBERG.

A distringas
under stat. 2 &
3 W. 4. c. 39.
s. 3. (see stat.
15 & 16 Vict.
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24.) could not be issued for the purpose of compelling appearance while the defendant was abroad.

SIR F. THESIGER, in last *Trinity* term (June 9th), obtained a rule nisi to rescind an order of *Wightman J.* of *December 22d*, 1848, and to set aside

But a distringas for that purpose, obtained by the plaintiff without wilful deception upon the Court, while the defendant was abroad, was irregular only, and not a nullity and the defendant might, by laches, disable himself from moving to set aside the process.

Plaintiff obtained (without intentional deception) a distringas to compel appearance while defendant was abroad. Defendant had left *England* in *September*; the writ issued in *December*; appearance was entered, and proceedings were carried on to execution, defendant being still abroad. The seizure took place in *February*. Defendant, in an affidavit made for the purpose of setting aside the proceedings, deposed that he first heard of the execution in *March*, when on his return to *England*, and that, having been delayed by illness, he did not arrive in *London* till *June 2d*. A week afterwards he moved (in term) to set the distringas and execution aside. It appeared, however, that he had arrived at *Ostend* on the 30th of *April*: and the interval between that time and *June 2d* was not conclusively accounted for. Held, that the motion was too late, and that the proceedings could not be disturbed.

the dstringas and all subsequent proceedings in this cause. The following facts were stated on affidavit in support of the rule.

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The defendant (who described himself as a chiropodist) at several times in 1847 and 1848 gave acceptances to the amount of 6500*l.* for the purpose of raising money, which was effected by an agent, Mr. *Dimond*, the defendant placing in the hands of the agent jewellery and other property sufficient (as he deposed) to cover the sums advanced. In *September* 1848 the defendant left *England*, as he was in the habit of doing for the winter months, to travel on the *Continent*. He had previously (as his affidavit stated) spoken on the subject of the acceptances to *Dimond*, who informed him that the holder consented not to take any proceeding upon them till defendant's return. The defendant's wife and family went abroad with him, but returned to *England* in *November*, and went to *Tunbridge Wells*, where they resided during the remaining time of defendant's absence. The defendant proceeded to *Vienna* and into *Poland*, whence he returned towards *England*; and, in the latter end of *March* (having been delayed by illness), he arrived at *Dresden* on his way to *London*. At *Dresden* he was informed, by a letter from his wife, that all his property had been sold under an execution. The defendant's affidavit stated that, on hearing this news, he "was taken suddenly ill, which thereupon delayed his arrival in *London*. That this deponent arrived in *London* on *Saturday* the 2d day of *June* 1849, and, as soon as possible, instructed his attorney" to investigate the proceedings against him. While at *Dresden* he had sent *Dimond* (who at that time was with him on the *Continent*) to *London*, to attend to

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his affairs: but *Dimond* had written him word that nothing could be done till defendant himself arrived. On coming to *London*, defendant found that execution had in fact issued at the suit of the plaintiff in this cause, and a sale had taken place. The defendant's affidavit stated, further, that he is in solvent circumstances; that the income arising from his professional avocations is 5000*l.*; that he did not leave *England*, or continue absent, to avoid his creditors or any process or proceedings against him; that he never was served with any letter, writ or other paper in the cause, nor did any ever come to his hands to his knowledge, nor was he informed of any proceeding against him till he received the letter from his wife *Dresden*; and that he was "continually absent from *England*" from the time of his leaving it as before mentioned "until his said return on the 2d day *June* 1849." To confirm his statement as to the various stages of his journey, he annexed to his affidavit his passport from the Foreign Office in *England* and he deposed "that all indorsements and writings on the said passport were respectively made by the authorities by whom they purport to have been made, and at the times when they purport to have been made." There were many visas annexed to the passport; the last purporting to be at *Ostend*; date 30th *April* 1849.

It appeared that the writ of summons in this cause was issued on *December* 12th, 1848, the plaintiff suing as indorsee of twelve bills of exchange and a note, respectively accepted and made by defendant, to the amount, altogether, of 6525*l.* The distringas issued on *December* 23d, under the order of *Wightman J.* of *De*

cember 22d; appearance was entered, and declaration filed, *January 20th*, 1849; interlocutory judgment signed for want of a plea, *January 25th*; and final judgment signed *February 2d*. The affidavit on which the order for the *distringas* was obtained had been sworn by a clerk to the plaintiff's attorney, and stated that the deponent had called at defendant's house on the 12th and two following days of *December* to serve the writ of summons, and had seen only a man servant, who said that the defendant was not at home, that he (the servant) did not know when his master would be at home or where he was to be met with, and that he (the servant) had no directions. The clerk further deposed, in that affidavit, "that, from enquiries that this deponent has made, and from the information that he this deponent has received, and from what he has heard and believes, this deponent saith that he has no doubt that the said defendant is evading service of process by absenting himself from home for that purpose, or by being denied to persons calling at his house to effect such service." The affidavit stated the other particulars requisite for obtaining a *distringas*. It did not in any way suggest that the defendant was absent from *England*.

There were further affidavits corroborating the material statements in that of the defendant, and tending to shew that the proceedings to execution had been unnecessary, and adopted without any notice to the defendant's family or agent, and that the property had been sold at a rate far below its value. *Dimond* stated that, on arriving in *London*, and making enquiries as the defendant had directed, he was informed by solicitors that nothing could be done till defendant's return;

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and he (in the latter end of *April* as he believed) wrote to defendant to come home immediately. The defendant's servant deposed that, at the times mentioned in the affidavit for a distringas, he had told the person who called that defendant was on the Continent, having left *London* for *Germany*, and that the deponent did not know when he would return, nor where his papers could be sent to him. The deponent also swore that he had given similar answers when other papers were subsequently delivered by the same person; that such papers were not in fact forwarded, Mr. *Dimo* as well as the defendant being abroad, and defendant's address not known; and that deponent shewed the papers to plaintiff's attorney when the levy was made, and told him that they had never been transmitted, deponent not knowing the defendant's address. The deponent also stated that he never mentioned receipt of the papers to defendant's wife, whose address he did not know till about the time of execution. The plaintiff's attorney, *John Brough*, the indorser of the bills and note to the plaintiff (and sister); and he knew, in *September* 1848, of the defendant's intended journey on the Continent.

Affidavits were sworn in answer, impeaching the characters and testimony of the defendant and *Dimo* and contradicting the affidavits in support of the return on various points, particularly, as to the solvency of the defendant, the transactions between him, *Dimo* and *John Brough*, and the words and conduct of the man servant at the time of the execution; the clerk who served the writ of summons denying that the servant had said anything of his master being on the Continent. The affidavits also stated that the defendant, when about to leave *England*, had led *Jo*

Brough to believe that he would not be absent more than a month: that Mr. *Brough* had been informed, early in *December* 1848, by a Mr. *Hooper*, and believed, that the defendant had actually returned, and similar statements were made at Mr. *Brough's* office by another party in the same month, with the addition that he was keeping out of the way of that party, who was his creditor. That, in the same month, the clerk who served the writ of summons had made enquiries in the neighbourhood of *Isleworth*, where defendant had a house, and had received information, which he reported to Mr. *Brough*, that defendant was concealing himself from his creditors. *Hooper* himself stated his belief that the defendant had gone to *England* when his family returned from the Continent in 1848; and he deposed that, in *January* 1849, he wrote from *France*, to John *Brough*, that the defendant was then in *England*. The clerk who served the summons deposed that, on 12th *December* 1848, the house where he served it had the appearance of being occupied in the usual way. And the keeper of a lodging house at *Tunbridge Wells*, in which the defendant's wife and family resided for some weeks in the spring of 1849, deposed that, on *May* 3d, they left her house and told her they were going to *Isleworth*.

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In the last term (a),

Sir *J. Jervis*, Attorney General, *Martin* and *Lush* shewed cause. The *distringas* will, no doubt, be set aside, if it was obtained by a wilful deception upon the Court; but there is no ground for such a proceeding if the Court has not been intentionally mis-

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led. It has been supposed that there is a distinction in practice between a *distringas* for the purpose of outlawry and a *distringas* to compel appearance; that the first may be obtained when the party is abroad and the other not. But there is no ground in law for the distinction. [*Coleridge J.* The practice seems extraordinary; but it certainly has prevailed.] It is merely a practice, and unsupported by statute. By 2 & 3 W. 4. c. 39. s. 3. (a), it may fitly be changed. And it appears by the text books that the Court have not, before or since the statute, made it an invariable rule to set aside a *distringas* to compel appearance, merely because the defendant was abroad when it was served; 1 *Tidd*, 112, 9th ed., 1 *Ch. Archb.* 182, 8th ed. As was said by *Tindal C.J.* in *Toms v. Nash* (b), a motion of this kind “is not to be looked at as if it were an original application to the Court for leave to issue a *distringas*: it is for the defendant, who seeks to set it aside, to satisfy the Court that the writ ought never to have issued.” In *Man v. Winter* (c) the Court did not set aside, but refused, a *distringas*, because it was not shewn that the defendant was not abroad. In *Partridge v. Webb* (d) the judgment, after *distringas*, was set aside because the defendant was abroad when the *distringas* issued: the order for a *distringas* was in general terms and the objection was that, under such an order, the plaintiff could not take his choice of proceeding by outlawry or compelling appearance (e). In *Esdaile*

(a) See now stat. 15 & 16 Vict. c. 76. ss. 17, 24.

(b) 2 *Scott's New Rep.* 598. 601.(c) 4 *New Ca.* 637(d) 2 *M. & W.* 893.(e) See *Fraser v. Case*, 9 *Bing.* 464.

Marshall (a), which may also be cited for the defendant, the objection which prevailed was to the generality of the affidavit. Supposing the writ to have been improperly issued (without fraud upon the Court), it is only an irregularity, and has been waived by laches. The present motion was made on *June 9th*: it appears by the defendant's passport that he was at *Ostend* on *April 30th*; he was then on his return to *England*; his affidavit states that he "arrived in *London*" on the 2nd of *June*; but it is clear that he might have been there in time to take earlier proceedings. Even if he came to *England* in vacation, he was bound to make application to a Judge at Chambers; *Cox v. Tullock (b)*.

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Counsel then discussed the facts of the case to shew, first, the probability that the defendant was not absent from *England* during the whole time from *September* to *June*, and, secondly, that, if he was so, no intentional misrepresentation had been made to obtain the *distringas*.

Sir F. Thesiger, Whateley, Cockburn and Bramwell, contra. This is a case of wilful deception on the Court; but, even if it were not so, the *distringas* was a nullity. The Courts have constantly maintained the distinction between a *distringas* to compel appearance and *distringas* for the purpose of outlawry, and held the writ invalid when obtained for the former purpose while the defendant was abroad; *Fraser v. Case (c)*, *Vere v. Gowar (d)*, *Partridge v. Wallbank (e)*,

(a) 4 New Ca. 172.

(b) 2 Dowl. P. C. 47.

(c) 9 Bing. 464.

(d) 3 New Ca. 503.

(e) 2 M. & W. 893.

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Esdaile v. Marshall (a), *White v. Johnson* (b). In one case, *Moon v. Thynne* (c), a distringas to compel appearance was granted, it being sworn that the defendant was gone abroad to avoid his creditors; but there is no subsequent decision to the same effect. [*Coleridge J.* mentioned *Evans v. Fry* (d).] There it was merely decided that the writ could not be granted against a party abroad on an affidavit not stating an intention to avoid creditors. The same rule was followed in *Simpson v. Lord Graves* (e) and *Grover v. Hindmarsh* (g). [*Coleridge J.* It may not be sufficient for your purpose that a distringas while the party was abroad has been held irregular: you must shew that it is null. The cases seem consistent with either supposition.] The party's residence in *England* is so material to the jurisdiction that affidavits for a distringas to compel appearance have been held insufficient which omitted to state a belief that the party was not abroad; *Esdaile v. Marshall* (a), *Norman v. Winter* (h). These authorities shewing what is an irregularity and what is a nullity are collected in 2 *Chitt. Archb.* 1268—1270 (i) and it is said: "Where the proceeding adopted is the prescribed by the practice of the Court, and the error is merely in the manner of taking it, such an error is an irregularity, and may be waived by the laches or subsequent acts of the opposite party; but where "the proceeding itself is altogether unwarranted, and different from that which, if any, ought to have been taken, then the proceeding is a nullity, and cannot

(a) 4 *New Ca.* 172.

(c) 3 *Dowl. P. C.* 153.

(e) 2 *Dowl. P. C.* 10.

(h) 4 *New Ca.* 637.

(b) 1 *Gale, Esch. Rep.* 108.

(d) 3 *Dowl. P. C.* 581.

(g) 7 *Dowl. P. C.* 607.

(i) 8th ed.

be waived." "If a judge make an order for an arrest, under the 1 and 2 *Vict. c. 110.*, which he is not authorised in making, it seems a writ issued under it is a nullity, and the sheriff is not bound to make any return to it." [*Wightman J.* In the last instance there would be a want of jurisdiction apparent. That is not so on the face of the present proceedings.] The Court here had authority to issue the writ; but the process was put in motion by a party who had no right to call for it under the circumstances; there is no informality of process, but a substantial defect. [*Wightman J.* The jurisdiction is, to order a *dis-tingas*; whether the case is within the jurisdiction for the purpose of compelling appearance or only for the purpose of outlawry, the writ is the same; there is merely a difference in the notice^(a). *Coleridge J.* A writ of summons served in a wrong county is not a nullity; the defendant must move promptly to set it aside.] The process may be null, in practice, though not so far a nullity as to be no protection to the officer or party using it. To authorise entering an appearance for the defendant, it must be shewn that the process has been brought directly to his notice. "The *dis-tingas* is intended for cases where it cannot be so shewn, but where it may be reasonably inferred that the defendant knows that an action has been brought against him, so that he might appear thereto if he would. It is in its nature penal, and is founded on a constructive contempt of the Court. Both the statute and the notice appended to the writ assume that the defendant is aware of the action:" *Lush's Pract.* 669.

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Where the facts are such that this cannot be shown, there is such an irregularity as makes the issuing of the process a thing unwarranted; and the process issued is, for the practical purpose, a nullity. If this be so or if the *distringas* was obtained by deception, and not with a reasonable and bonâ fide belief that the defendant was in *England*, the question of laches is immaterial.

The defendant's counsel discussed also the fact appearing on affidavit. [*Patteson J.* The question whether this is irregularity or not is of considerable importance: we will take time to look into it.]

Curr. adv. vult.

PATTESON J. now delivered judgment.

In this case we are satisfied that, on the 12th, 13th, and 14th of *December* 1848, when calls were made for the purpose of serving the writ of summons, the defendant was abroad. The writ of *distringas* ought, therefore, to have been in order to proceed to outlawry, and not in order to compel appearance; and, being for the latter purpose, and so acted on, was irregular according to the case of *Partridge v. Wallbank (a)*, and other cases.

The affidavit, however, on which the *distringas* was obtained, stated the belief of the deponent that the defendant was keeping out of the way to avoid process; and it is contended that this was a deception and fraud practised upon the learned Judge who ordered the writ. We are of opinion that there was no deception practised. The defendant had gone abroad in *September*;

(a) 2 M. & W. 893.

but there was good reason to believe that he would return after no long period, and that he had returned in *December*. His wife and servants had returned, and were at *Tunbridge Wells*; and the plaintiff's attorney (who is in truth the real plaintiff, suing in the name of his sister as indorsee of bills of exchange) was informed by a person in *France*, whom he had good reason to credit, that the defendant himself had returned.

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The *distringas* being returned *Nulla bona* and *Non est inventus*, an appearance was entered by order of a Judge, and regular proceedings taken to judgment and execution, under which the defendant's goods were seized in the month of *February* 1849, the defendant being still abroad. He swears that he did not hear of this until he was informed of it by a letter from his wife, which reached him at *Dresden* in the month of *March*; that he was too ill to come home directly; and that he did not reach "*London*" till *June* 2d; that he then made inquiries and instructed an attorney; and this rule to set aside the proceedings was obtained on the 9th of *June*. But it appears by his passport, which he has put in as part of his case, that he arrived at *Ostend* on the 30th of *April*; and he does not at all account for the time between that day and the 2d *June*. His wife also swears that she remained at *Tunbridge Wells* till his return to *England*; and it is shewn by the affidavits of persons there that she quitted *Tunbridge Wells* about the 2nd of *May*, saying she was going to *Isleworth*, where the defendant had a house. There seems, therefore, to be much reason to believe that, although the defendant might not reach "*London*" till the 2nd of *June*, yet that he might be in *England* a month sooner: at all events he was at *Ostend* in his way to *England* on the 30th of

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April, and knew then, and had known some time before, of the execution and sale under it; so that there was abundance of time for him to have instructed an attorney to take proceedings for the purpose of setting aside this execution, at least a month before such proceedings were taken.

Under all these circumstances, we think that the obtaining the *distringas* was matter of irregularity only, and that the defendant was too late in the steps he took.

Much matter appears on the affidavits as to the nature of the transactions between the parties, and the conduct both of the real plaintiff and of the defendant, and other parties connected with them, upon which we do not think it necessary to make any observations, as they do not form the grounds of the decision at which we have arrived, that this case is one of irregularity only, and that the application is too late.

The rule must be discharged with costs.

Rule discharged, with costs.

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The QUEEN *against* The TITHE COMMISSIONERS
for ENGLAND and WALES. *Tuesday,*
December 18th.

(In the Matter of GREAT HALE TITHES.)

MANDAMUS. The writ recited that, before and at the time of the making the agreements after mentioned, there were belonging to and in the parish of *Great Hale*, in *Lincolnshire*, divers to wit 10,000 acres of common fields &c. and waste, and 10,000 acres of old inclosed lands; and *Ebenezer Caudron* was owner

Stat. 5 & 6
Vict. c. 54. s. 7.
enacts that,
when the Tithe
Commissioners
are preparing
their award
under stat. 6 &
7 W. 4. c. 71.,
if any agree-
ment for com-
mutation of

tithe &c. shall, previously to that Act, have been made, which is not of legal validity, but appears to the Commissioners to give a fair equivalent for the tithe &c., they shall be empowered to confirm such agreement; and, if the equivalent be not fair, they shall nevertheless be empowered to confirm, and to award such rent-charge as will make up a proper equivalent, and, subject to such confirmation and award, to extinguish the right to tithe.

Held that this clause is imperative, and not merely permissive, if the agreement be such in its nature and circumstances as the clause was meant to comprehend.

An agreement was made in 1697, between the impropiator of a parsonage, the vicar, and certain land-owners of the parish, whereby the tithes and glebe were commuted for allotments of land and annual payments. Some of the land-owners, parties to the agreement, refusing to fulfil it, the others filed a bill of equity against them, and, on their submission, a decree was made in 1699, confirming the agreement. In 1707 an additional agreement was made, for a further yearly payment to the vicar, in lieu of small tithes. The agreements were not in themselves legally valid, for want of proper parties, and from other defects. Allotments were made and accepted, and the annual payments rendered and received, down to 1812. A vicar was inducted in 1796, and received his stipulated payment down to 1811, in ignorance of its origin, which he then discovered, and thereupon immediately gave the land-owners notice of determining such payment. Part of the land allotted to him in lieu of tithe had never come to his possession; the rest he offered to give up. On the expiration of his notice, he filed a bill against certain of the land-owners for subtraction of tithe, praying an account. They alleged in defence the decree of 1699, the agreement of 1707, and the subsequent performance; but an account was decreed, and the defendants then paid five years' arrear of tithe. In 1819 the impropiator filed a bill against the vicar; in that suit the agreements were relied upon and disputed, and the bill was dismissed by a decree, which was confirmed on appeal. A tenant of the impropiators, who had withheld his tithe while these proceedings were pending, then paid his arrears to the vicar. Neither of the agreements was acted upon, so far as they related to the vicar, after 1812.

Held on mandamus, and demurrer to return, that agreements so circumstanced were not such as the Legislature, in stat. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 54. s. 7., intended the Commissioners to confirm, and that, to a mandamus requiring them so to do, the above facts were a sufficient answer.

The mandamus required the Commissioners to confirm the agreements, and also to decide certain suits, and adjudicate on certain questions relative to claims of tithe by the impropiator and vicar. Held that the mandamus, being bad as to the confirmation, was invalid altogether.

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of the impropriate parsonage of *Great Hale*, and of divers lands in that parish; and *Benjamin Deakon*, clerk, was vicar of the said parish, and, as such vicar, entitled to some glebe lands in the said uninclosed lands, and to have some small tithes arising thereout. And that Sir *Edward Hussey*, of &c., baronet, who was owner of the manors of *North Hall* and *West Hall*, in *Great Hale* aforesaid, and of divers lands and tenements in *G. H.* aforesaid, *Robert Cawdron*, who was owner of the manor of *East Hall*, in *G. H.* aforesaid, and of divers lands and tenements in *G. H.* aforesaid, the said *Ebezner Cawdron*, and the said several persons hereinafter mentioned who were severally seized and interested of and in several messuages, lands and tenements in *G. H.* aforesaid, and in the fields, meadows, fens, parish and precincts thereof, viz. Sir *Thomas Foulshby* &c. (naming several others, some of whom were infants acting by their respective guardians), judging that it would be beneficial and advantageous to them to have the said uninclosed lands severed, plotted and divided, the greatest part of the said lands and grounds then lying promiscuously, and the landowners suffering great losses and inconveniences by reason of the scarcity of enclosure, to the end that every of them should have his proportionable share, &c., that so they and their heirs and assigns might respectively for ever thereafter, according to their respective estates &c., hold the same in severalty, freed and discharged of all commons, tithes and other duties to be had or claimed by any other landowner otherwise than in the articles hereinafter mentioned was expressed, did, by articles of agreement in writing dated 16th September 1697, and by certain other agreements, consent that an inclosure should

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made of all common fields, meadows, common fens and waste grounds of and belonging to *G. H.* aforesaid: And it was thereby agreed and consented to by all the said persons that they and their heirs and assigns should respectively for ever, according to their several and respective estates and interests, hold the same grounds and plots respectively plotted and allotted to them in severalty, freed and discharged of all commons, tithes and other duties to be had or claimed by the said *Ebenzer Cawdron*, impropiator of the said parsonage of *G. H.* aforesaid, his heirs and assigns, or by the said *Benjamin Deakon* and his successors, vicars of *G. H.* aforesaid, or by any owner of lands in the said parish; reserving only to Sir *E. Hussey* and *R. Cawdron*, their heirs and assigns respectively, respective lords of the said manors, their accustomed rents, services &c. And it was thereby further agreed by all the said persons that 1s. per annum should be paid to the impropiators for every acre of old inclosures in the parish by the persons thereafter named, their heirs and assigns, for their respective shares thereof, and in such proportions as was after expressed. The writ further recited that, in pursuance of the said articles and agreements, the uninclosed grounds were surveyed &c., and allotments therefrom (amounting to 380 acres) made to *E. Cawdron* as the impropiator; that he accepted the same, and took possession; and the lands have thenceforth hitherto been held by him, his heirs and assigns. That, in pursuance of the said articles and agreements, there was allotted to *Deakon* as vicar one plot or parcel of ground called *Preacher's Plot*, containing by estimation 23A. 0R. 23P., to be held and enjoyed by the said *Deakon* and his successors, vicars of *Great Hale* aforesaid, in lieu and full

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satisfaction of all tithes due or payable from or out of, or growing, arising or renewing within, the said fields, meadows, fens, commons and wastes so agreed to be inclosed as aforesaid, and in lieu of the said vicar's right of common in the said places for ever: and there were further allotted &c. to *Deakon* and his successors, vicars &c., for ever, for glebe, divers other plots or pieces of ground amounting together to 30A. 0R. 15P.; and *Deakon* accepted the said plots &c., in lieu of such tithes and for glebe, and took possession thereof; and thenceforth he and his successors, as such vicars, have thenceforth hitherto possessed and enjoyed, and the Rev. *Richard Bingham*, clerk, the present vicar, still possesses and enjoys, the said *Preacher's Plot* and the said other pieces of ground so allotted to him as aforesaid. The witness stated also the allotment of other parcels of uninclosed land to the other persons, parties to the agreement, according to their respective interests, and acceptance and possession by them; and that, from lapse of time &c., the lands could not be restored to their former state. It then proceeded:

And whereas we have been given to understand &c. that the tithe of wool and lamb is a rectorial tithe and not a vicarial tithe, and is included in the composition of 1s. per acre per annum for the old inclosures, and that the said sum of 1s. per annum hath yearly and every year from the time of making the said articles of agreement hitherto, been paid to the said *Ebenezer Caudron*, his heirs and assigns, impropiators &c., for every acre of old inclosure in the said parish by the landowners in the said articles of agreement named, their heirs and assigns, for their respective shares thereof, and in such proportions as therein expressed, and that no tithes of this kind have ever been paid in respect of the said land

for which the said sum of 1s. per acre has been so payable as aforesaid, either to the impropiator in the said articles mentioned or to the impropiator for the time being, or to any person claiming by, through or under them: And whereas &c.: the writ then recited that a bill in Chancery was filed, *June 7th 1699*, by all the parties to the above agreement, except four of the allottees of the last mentioned parcels (namely, *Richard Baxter, John Slann, Richard Booth and Richard Wiltshire*), complaining that those four parties refused to perform the agreement, and praying that the same might be confirmed: That the four last mentioned parties, by their answers, submitted to the making of a decree as prayed; and thereupon, on *10th November 1699*, *Lord Evesham*, then Chancellor, decreed that the agreement should be performed, and that the complainants and defendants should hold and enjoy the several lands in their several lots contained accordingly.

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The writ then stated that, in 1707, the then vicar being dissatisfied with the agreement of 1697, a certain other agreement was entered into between the then landowners and the vicar, by which a composition of $1\frac{1}{2}d.$ per acre per annum was to be paid to the vicar in lieu of all small tithes throughout the parish: and that the said composition of $1\frac{1}{2}d.$ per acre has been paid to and received by the successive vicars in lieu of all small tithes as aforesaid until in or about A.D. 1812: And, although, in or about the year 1820, certain payments were made by some of the landowners of *Great Hale* to the now vicar, which included the tithe of wool and lamb, yet no general payment in respect of such last mentioned tithes has ever been made either to the said vicar or to any preceding vicar of the said parish.

The writ proceeded to recite that in 1832 the said

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Richard Bingham, then and still vicar of the said parish, filed his bill in equity in the Exchequer against four occupiers of a part of the parish for tithes of wool and lamb; that they put in their answers denying liability; and that the bill is pending and undetermined. And that, in 1844, the said *Richard Bingham*, as such vicar, filed another bill in the Court of Chancery, against other persons, being the whole or nearly the whole of the occupiers of land in the said parish, for the recovering of the said tithes, which last mentioned suit is still pending and undetermined. “And whereas we have also been given to understand” &c. “that no binding or valid agreement in law for the commutation for a rent charge of the tithes of the said parish of *Great Hale* hath at any time been made or entered into: And whereas” &c.: the writ then recited that proceedings had been taken under stat. 6 & 7 *W. 4. c. 71.* for a commutation of the tithes of *Great Hale*; and that, at a meeting, 14th *April* 1843, before an Assistant Tithe Commissioner, the landowners of *Great Hale* “claimed, under and by virtue of the said agreements, to be exempted from and not liable to the payment of tithes of wool and lamb in respect of the said lands inclosed under the said agreement, and also to be exempted from and not liable to the payment of the tithes of wool and lamb and other rectorial tithes, upon payment to the improPRIATOR of the said sum of 1s. per acre in respect of the said old inclosed lands of the said parish; which said several claims were then and there denied by the said *R. Bingham*, clerk; and that such claims then became and were matters in difference whereby the making of the award was hindered and delayed: That the Commissioners did not, by themselves or the Assistant Tithe Commissioner, determine the said matters: And that, a

a meeting before an Assistant Tithe Commissioner, 7th October, 1844, the draft of an intended award was objected to by the last mentioned landowners, on the ground that it awarded tithes to be payable contrary to the said agreement of 1697, whereas the Commissioners ought to have confirmed and rendered valid the said agreement, and discharged the lands from tithe agreeably thereto and to stat. 5 & 6 *Vict. c. 54. (a)*. It was also objected, in like manner, that the agreements for 1s. and 1½d. per acre were not confirmed: And the said landowners required the Assistant Commissioner to confirm the agreement of 1697, discharge the lands from tithes as thereby provided, and amend the award in respect thereof; and to confirm the agreements for 1s. and 1½d.: But that the Commissioners had not, by themselves or the Assistant Commissioner, confirmed the agreements or either of them, or amended the award. That the said landowners, on 27th May 1844, made the same demands by a claim or notice in writing, whereby they also gave notice that the owners of all the old

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(a) Stat. 5 & 6 *Vict. c. 54. s. 7.* enacts: "That where any agreement shall have been made before the passing of the first recited act" (6 & 7 *W. 4. c. 71.*) "for giving land or money, or both, instead of tithes or glebe or commonable or other rights or easements, which is not of legal validity, and such lands or money, or both, shall appear to the Commissioners to be a fair equivalent for the said tithes or glebe, or rights or easements, they shall be empowered to confirm and render valid such agreement; and in case the same shall not appear to be a fair equivalent, the said Commissioners shall nevertheless be empowered to confirm such agreement, and also to make an award for such rent charge, which with the said land or money, or both, will be a fair equivalent for the said tithes or glebe, or rights or easements, and, subject to such confirmation and award, to extinguish the right of the tithe owners to the perception of the said tithes, or his title to the said glebe rights or easements, or to the receipt of any rent charge instead thereof, other than the rent charge awarded over and above the lands or money, or both, so confirmed to them."

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inclosed lands in the said parish claimed and insisted upon an exemption from all great tithes and the tithes of wool and lamb, and, if not tithe free, then subject only to the payment of 1s. per acre in lieu of such great tithes and tithe of wool and lamb: And that the owners of all the newly inclosed lands in the said parish claimed an exemption from all great tithes and from the tithes of wool and lamb arising from or in respect of those lands, and exemption from all other tithes arising from or in respect of those lands; or did claim and insist that $1\frac{1}{2}d.$ per acre per annum is payable to the vicar for and in lieu of all such other tithes last mentioned, arising from or in respect of such lands, by virtue of the said agreement of 1697, or some subsequent agreement or otherwise: And the owners of said last mentioned lands claimed and insisted that at all events they are exempt from payment or render of all great tithes to the lay rector or any other person, and did thereby call upon and require the Commissioner on behalf of the owners of all the said lands, both old and new inclosure, to decide the said question before making their award; and did thereby require them take notice that there was a suit pending touching the right to the tithes of lamb and wool, and a question touching the existence of a composition real and customary payment, and a claim of exemption from and non-liability to the payment of tithes of lamb and wool in respect of the old and new inclosed lands; and did thereby require the Commissioners to decide as aforesaid, and to appoint a time and place for hearing and determining &c. The writ then stated that the Commissioners, though a reasonable time had elapsed, neglected and refused to proceed as after mentioned. It therefore commanded them:

"To confirm and render valid the said agreements, and to decide and determine the said suits and differences now pending, and to decide and determine whether the said new inclosed lands are discharged from payment of all manner of great tithes and the tithes of lamb and wool; and also whether the same new inclosed lands are discharged from the payment of all tithes to the vicar by payment of a modus or composition or annual payment of $1\frac{1}{2}d.$ per acre per annum or otherwise; and to decide and determine whether the said old inclosed lands are discharged from payment of all great tithes and the tithes of lamb and wool by payment of a modus or composition or annual payment of 1s. per acre per annum; and whether the said old inclosures are discharged of the payment of all tithes to the vicar by payment of the said modus, composition or annual payment of $1\frac{1}{2}d.$ per acre:" Or to shew cause &c.

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The return began by stating that, under the agreements stated in the writ, except that of 1707, the uninclosed grounds were surveyed &c., and 380 acres allotted to *Ebenezer Cawdron* as impropiator, and accepted and from thence hitherto possessed by him, his heirs or assigns; and that, under the said agreements, except that of 1707, the 1s. per annum for every acre of old inclosures has been paid to *E. C.*, his heirs &c., impropiators &c., by the landowners in the articles of agreement mentioned, in the proportions there expressed; and that, from the time of making the said agreements hitherto, no tithes in kind have ever been paid to the impropiator for the lands in respect of which the 1s. per acre has been payable. "That the said *Richard Bingham* was inducted into the vicarage" "in A. D. 1796; and that he never has been in possession of or

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received the rents or profits of, or enjoyed, all the lands allotted to the vicar for the time being by the said agreement" of 1697: "that is to say he has not, from the time that he was so inducted into the said vicarage hitherto, been in possession of, or received the rents or profits of, or in any way enjoyed, so much land by 23 acres as is in the said writ alleged to have been allotted to the said vicar; and that the said *R. Bingham* received the said sum of $1\frac{1}{2}d.$ per acre per annum under the said agreement" of 1707, "in lieu of all small tithes until A. D. 1811, being, during all that time, in ignorance of the origin of such payment; and that, in consequence of divers of the landowners and occupiers of the said parish refusing to pay the said sum of $1\frac{1}{2}d.$ per acre per annum to the said *R. Bingham*, he was led to discover the same, and then gave notice to the landowners and occupiers of land of the said parish of his abandonment and determination of such payment of $1\frac{1}{2}d.$ per acre per annum in lieu of all the small tithes of the said parish, and of all other compositions whatsoever, and of his determination thenceforth to insist upon the payment of the same tithes in kind, and then offered to give up any lands which were then held by him as such vicar as aforesaid in lieu of such tithes or any of them: And the said *R. Bingham* has, from the time of his making such offer hitherto, been, and now is, ready and willing to give up all such lands: of all which the landowners for the time being of the said parish have during all the time aforesaid had notice."

The return then set forth proceedings in equity, which it will be sufficient to state, as they appear by the judgment of the Court in the present case, as follow

“ It further appears that the vicar, on the expiration of his notice in 1812, filed two bills for subtraction of tithes (*a*), against several occupiers of lands, and prayed an account (*b*); in their answer to which the defendants admitted the fact of non-payment in kind, and relied on the conjoint effect of the first agreement, which had been confirmed by a decree of the Court of Chancery in 1699, and of the second agreement of 1707, and the subsequent enjoyment: that the account (*c*), however, was decreed; and that, under it, in 1817, all the defendants but one *Dawson*, the tenant of one of the impropriators, Sir *George Farrant*, had paid five years’ arrears of the tithes claimed by the vicar. His non-payment is explained by the fact that the impropriators, Sir *George* and *Thomas Farrant*, claimed the tithes of lambs and wool as against the vicar, and, to enforce this, in 1819, filed their bill against him, praying that they might be declared so entitled, and against an occupier, one *Fountain*, for an account. In his answer to this bill the vicar again stated and repudiated the agreements; and this bill, in 1821, as well as a supplemental bill by *Dawson* in the same year, was dismissed. *Dawson* appealed against the decree; and it was confirmed; after which *Dawson* paid the arrears. The return then states that neither of the agreements,

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(*a*) The return added, “ and amongst others, of the tithes of lamb and wool.”

(*b*) It appeared by proceedings set out on the return that the plaintiff denied that the composition of 1697 and the decree of 1699 were binding on the successors of *Deakon*, or that the allotment of land to the vicar sanctioned by the decree of 1699 was a fair satisfaction.

(*c*) Of the single value of the tithes of lambs, wool, agistment, and of all other small tithes whatsoever, which the defendants had respectively had and taken from their said farms &c. within the parish of *Great Hale* and the titheable places thereof, since 25th *March*, 1813.

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so far as they related to the vicar, had been acted on since the filing of the bill in 1812."

The return concluded: "Wherefore we the said Tithe Commissioners" &c., "considering that the said decrees established the principle that the tithes of lamb and wool arising in the said parish were payable to the vicar thereof in kind, and that neither the rector nor any other person whatsoever, other than the vicar, had ever any title to the said tithes of lambs and wool, and because we considered that the said decree established the principle that the said agreement of 1697, so far as it related to the vicar, and the said other agreements were thenceforth to be treated as null and void to all intents and purposes, have not confirmed" &c. (stat. 6 & 7 W. 4. c. 71. s. 44.) non-compliance with the several directions of the writ

Demurrer, assigning numerous causes. The material questions will appear sufficiently by the judgment of the Court. Joinder.

The demurrer was argued in *Michaelmas* vacation, November 8th and 11th, 1848 (a).

Whitehurst, for the Crown, contended: First: that the decree in equity of 1817 was not (as would be argued on the other side) a decision "by competent authority," and obligatory on the Commissioners, under stat. 6 & 7 W. 4. c. 71. s. 44.: but that, if it were so, they still ought to determine the questions mentioned in the mandatory part of the writ, though they should do so in mere accordance with the decree. The result of the case makes a further report on this point unnecessary.

Secondly: assuming that the agreement of 1697 was

(a) Before Lord Denman C. J., Coleridge, Wightman and Erle J.

originally invalid (not being by deed, the ordinary not being party, and several of the parties being infants), he contended that, in justice, and in furtherance of the objects of stat. 6 & 7 *W.* 4. c. 71., the agreement ought to be confirmed under the power given by stat. 5 & 6 *Vict.* c. 54. s. 7.; and he cited *Thorpe v. Plowden* (a) and *Plowden v. Thorpe* (b). And, further, he contended that, if this view were correct, the empowering words of stat. 5 & 6 *Vict.* c. 54. s. 7. must be read as imperative; *Roles v. Rosewell* (c), *Hardy v. Bern* (d), *Rex v. Barlow* (e), *Rex v. The Steward, &c. of Havering atte Bower* (g), *Rex v. The Mayor and Jurats of Hastings* (h), *Backwell's Case* (i), *Regina v. St. Saviour's, Southwark* (k): and the Court would, for the public benefit, make the requisition effectual, by mandamus; *Rex v. The Severn and Wye Railway Company* (l).

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Peacock, contra. Even if the words of stat. 5 & 6 *Vict.* c. 54. s. 7. be compulsory, the Commissioners have an alternative, namely, to confirm the agreement as made, or to confirm it with an award making the equivalent for tithe &c. more equitable. This mandamus requires them absolutely to confirm. [*Cole-ridge J.* If they confirmed with an award of additional compensation, would not that be an obedience to the writ?] They are empowered to confirm, if they think the equivalent a fair one; if they do not, power is given

(a) 14 *M. & W.* 520.

(c) 5 *T. R.* 538.

(e) 2 *Salk.* 609.

(h) 5 *B. & Ald.* 692., note (a).

(k) 7 *A. & E.* 925.

(b) 7 *Cl. & Fin.* 137.

(d) 5 *T. R.* 540. 636.

(g) 5 *B. & Ald.* 691.

(i) 1 *Vern.* 152.

(l) 2 *B. & Ald.* 646.

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them to confirm with the addition of a new award; provisions so worded cannot be held compulsory: many practical difficulties would arise from allowing effect to them in a case like the present. (He then cussed these with reference to the facts shewn on pleadings.) Under stat. 6 & 7 *W. 4. c. 71. s. 45.*, which renders it "lawful" for the Commissioners to determine matters that hinder the making of an award, Lord Abinger was of opinion that they had a discretion to proceed or not; *Wetherell v. Weighill (a)*; and *s. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 54. s. 7.* must be construed in the same manner. The return shews a clear adjudication upon the right in the suits of 1819, 1821, after which it is impossible to demand that the old agreement should be confirmed.

If, upon this point alone, the writ cannot legally be enforced, it is void altogether. The Court cannot make the rule for a mandamus, but not the writ itself; *Re The Church Trustees of St. Pancras (b)*. The same rule was acted upon in *York and North Midland Railway Company v. The Queen (c)*, on the prosecution

(a) 3 *Y. & Coll. Exch. Eq.* 243.

(b) 3 *A. & E.*

(c) *Exchequer Chamber, Trinity Vacation (June 13th) 1846.* A mandamus had issued to the Company, founded on a clause in their special Act (6 & 7 *W. 4. c. lxxxii.*, local and personal, public) which required them to make proper watering places for cattle in all cases where, by means of the railway, the cattle of neighbouring land-owners should be deprived of access to their ancient watering places; and to supply the same at all times with water. The writ recited that by means of the railway ancient watering places on certain specified closes had been made inaccessible to the cattle of the land-owners; and it commanded the Company to make several new watering places on certain specified portions respectively of the said closes (as they had been requested to do by the owners and occupiers of the said closes), and to supply the same, when made, at all times with water. On return, traverse and demurrer, the Court of Queen's Bench, in *Trinity term (June 3d) 1845*, awarded a peremptory mandamus. Error was brought in the Exchequer Chamber: and

Sir William Mordaunt Milner, Bart. A peremptory mandamus must be in the same form as the mandamus originally awarded; *Mayor of London v. The Queen* (a).

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Whitehurst, in reply, suggested that the rule might be different where the writ related to distinct and separable subject matters; and he referred to *Regina v. Ellis and Greenwood* (b). [*Coleridge J.* mentioned *Rex v. The City of Chester* (c).]

Cur. adv. vult.

COLERIDGE J. now delivered judgment.

This was a mandamus to the Tithe Commissioners: and the case was argued, upon a demurrer to the return, before Lord *Denman* C. J., my brothers *Wightman* and *Erle*, and myself, in *Michaelmas* term 1848. By the writ the defendants were commanded: 1. To confirm certain agreements hereinafter mentioned. 2. To decide certain pending suits. 3. To decide whether certain lands in *Hale Magna*, in the writ called New inclosed lands, were discharged from payment of great tithe and the tithe of lambs and wool, and from the payment of all tithe to the vicar, by a modus or annual

case was there argued in *Easter* vacation (May 9th) 1846, before *Tindal* C. J., *Maule*, *Cresswell* and *Erle* Js., and *Parke*, *Rolfe* and *Platt* Bs. The Court (on June 13th, 1846) reversed the judgment, holding that the Act, if it obliged the Company to provide some watering place or places where the ancient ones had been cut off, did not necessarily require them to make several such places in the closes of individual proprietors; and it did not appear in this case that one might not have been sufficient. They therefore held the mandamus void, as commanding one thing which the statute did not enjoin.

In the argument above reported, the case was cited from 15 *Law J. N. S.* 379. Q. B.

(a) 13 Q. B. 30. 41.

(b) *Bail Court*, 2 *Dowl. N. S.* 361. 374.

(c) 5 *Mod.* 10.

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payment of $1\frac{1}{2}d.$ per acre, or otherwise. 4. To decide whether certain lands, in the writ called Old inclosed lands, were discharged from the payment of all great tithes and the tithes of lambs and wool by a modus or annual payment of 1s. per acre, and from the payment of all tithe to the vicar by the said modus or annual payment of $1\frac{1}{2}d.$ per acre.

The return admits that the defendants have done neither of these things; and the questions substantially raised on the argument were, whether they were under the circumstances bound to do all these things, and, if not all, but only one or more, whether the writ, commanding all, could be sustained.

The first point (that upon the agreements) arise upon stat. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 54. s. 7.: and the question whether, under that section, the Tithe Commissioners are bound to confirm the agreements there mentioned, or have a discretion. If they have a discretion, they have exercised it in the present case, and we could not interfere with their decision. Nor, under the circumstances stated in the pleadings, should we see any reason to differ with them. Upon the construction of the section we are of opinion that, *in the cases to which it applies*, the Tithe Commissioners are bound to act under it, and must confirm according to its provisions. These words undoubtedly are only empowering; but it has been so often decided as to have become an axiom, that in public statutes, words only directory, permissive or enabling may have a compulsory force where the thing to be done is for the public benefit or in advancement of public justice. Now we cannot but see that the Legislature has considered the extinction of the payment of tithes in kind by an equitable commutation i

land or money to be a great public benefit; and this section is clearly made for the advancement of such benefit: it supposes the case of an agreement for the giving land, or money, or both, instead of tithes or glebe; that such agreement is not of legal validity; and that the compensation is either a fair equivalent or not: in the former case it empowers the Commissioners simply to confirm; in the latter, to confirm, and also to award a rent charge, which in addition may make up a fair equivalent; and, subject to these, to extinguish the right to the tithe in kind, or the glebe, or any other rent charge. The provision for the case of the agreement unfair in amount appears to us strong to shew that, wherever the tithe owner and tithe payer had come to such agreement as the section contemplates, which would be, so far as it went, in accordance with the general policy of tithe extinction, the Commissioners should not be at liberty to throw it wholly aside, but must make it the basis of their own settlement, even when, standing by itself, it was not fair in amount. Assuming that commutation is in itself desirable, in the case of any particular agreement for that purpose want of legal validity and insufficiency in value would be the only objections; and these, in effect, the statute puts out of the way. The section indeed does not provide for the possible case of an agreement which gave the tithe owner too much; but it may well have thought such a case too improbable in fact to make it necessary to provide specially for it.

Still the question remains, whether the agreements in question, both or either, are shewn upon the pleadings to be within the section. To ascertain this we must refer to the writ and certain parts of the return.

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The former shews the first agreement to have been entered into in *September* 1697. The parties to it are the impropriator, the vicar with glebe, the lords of certain manors in the parish, and the owners of certain, not said to be all the lands in the parish: and it is, first, for the inclosure and allotment of certain uninclosed lands, which the allottees were severally to hold free of all commons, tithes and other duties to be claimed by the impropriator or the vicar or any owner of land, reserving only all manorial services, quit-rents, escheats &c.: secondly, that 1s. per annum should be paid to the impropriator for every acre of the Old inclosures by the persons therein named. Under this agreement no provision appears to have been made for the vicarial tithes, except as to those of the New inclosures: and, as to these, the writ states that a plot called *Preacher's Plot*, containing somewhat more than 23 acres, was allotted to the vicar in lieu of all tithes payable to him in respect of the New inclosures, and also in lieu of his rights of common over them; and also that there were further allotted to him, *for glebe*, other plots amounting to somewhat more than 30 acres: and it is alleged in the writ, but denied in the return, that both these allotments the then vicar and his successors down to and including the present incumbent have enjoyed and this last still enjoys. This is the first agreement; and under it it is alleged and not denied that 380 acres were allotted to the impropriator as such, and as owner of Old inclosed lands; and that other portions were allotted to the other parties to the agreement, which allotments have remained in force to the present day. But it is obvious that this is not, nor professes to be, any agreement in respect of the vicarial tithes generally:

whatever the vicar's endowment was as regarded the Old inclosures, so far as appears, it remained unaffected. The writ, however, goes on to shew that, in 1707, in consequence of the then vicar's dissatisfaction with the agreement of 1697, a second agreement was come to between him and the then landowners of the parish, by which $1\frac{1}{2}d.$ per acre on all the lands in the parish was to be paid to him in respect of all small tithes throughout the parish; and the writ alleges that this payment was made and accepted down to 1812.

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By the return it appears that the present vicar was inducted in 1796; that he has never been in possession or enjoyed the profits of the *Preacher's Plot*; and that he received the $1\frac{1}{2}d.$ per acre in lieu of small tithes down to 1811 in ignorance of the origin of such payment: that, as soon as he discovered it, he gave due notice to determine it, and has never since received it; and at the time of giving such notice he also offered, and is now willing, to give up any land which he held in lieu of small tithes. "It further appears" &c.

His Lordship then stated the proceedings in equity, in the words given, *antè*, p. 468.; with the fact stated in the return that neither agreement, so far as they related to the vicar, had been acted upon since the filing of the bill in 1812.

Upon these special facts we have to determine whether the agreements presented to the notice of the Commissioners in 1843 are such as they were bound to confirm: and we are of opinion that they are not. It may be very true, as argued, that the decrees in the suits between the vicar and occupiers were not made in such suits, or between such parties, as to bind the right; that is to say, they could not have been receivable as

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evidence to that effect in any suit in which the right was to be determined: but they were still facts in the case very material, when coupled with others, to enable the Commissioners to determine whether the agreements in question were within the 7th section of the statute and therefore to be confirmed. To be such, they must have been agreements subsisting in fact, requiring confirmation only because wanting validity in law. Here the evidence was that for thirty years before the statute passed the vicar had repudiated them; which, their illegality being admitted, he had then a clear right to do (and it is a condition of their coming within the act at all, that they were illegal): that, when he insisted on his common law right, the only defence made was the footing of these agreements: that, if they had been valid, that defence must have prevailed: and the Court being competent to entertain the question, decided for the account and against the agreements: that the improPRIATOR, who, by his tenant *Dawson* (with whom the return identifies him), had stood at first upon the agreements, then acquiesced in the decision, and claimed the tithe of lambs and wool as against the vicar and an occupier, which, if the agreements subsisted, he could not have, because under the first of them the 350 acres and the 1s. per acre covered clearly all the tithe of every kind to which he was entitled: and, finally, that, from the termination of the suit, there had been a general acquiescence in what they substantially decided, and an abandonment of the agreements. We think that the Commissioners had a right to draw the conclusion which they did from these facts, that the agreements were not in a state to be confirmed, because not in fact subsisting. It would be very mischievous

to hold that every illegal agreement, however long since abandoned, and not set aside by any decree only because not insisted on in any suit in which that could be conclusively decided, was within the section, and necessarily to be confirmed by the Commissioners. The reasonable limitation of the words must be to such agreements as were being acted upon, or only questioned in pending suits, at the time the commutation of the tithes comes under the consideration of the Commissioners.

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We are thus brought to the conclusion that the writ is bad in respect of one of the matters which it commands to be done: and this raises the second question, whether the writ, commanding this to be done with other things, can be sustained. One mode of trying this is to consider whether a peremptory writ can go in any other form than that of the first writ: if not, any thing which shows that the writ could not issue peremptorily in its present form is a sufficient return to it in its present stage, and shews that it ought not to have issued at all.

Upon this point the practice appears to be uniform, that there must be no variation between the two writs but in the omission in the record to call on the defendants to shew cause why they should not obey, and in the insertion of the word "peremptory." And it has certainly been well understood that on the argument for issuing the writ the rule for it might be moulded by the Court, but that, when it has issued, the writ itself cannot be altered. In *Rex v. The Church Trustees of St. Pancras* (a) 3 A. & E., reported more fully in 5 Nevile

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& *Manning*, this distinction was formally laid down and acted on. There was a writ and return, and a return to the writ: the writ was objected to as commanding a thing to be done at such time and place, times and places, as auditors might appoint, whereas the only duty was to do it at a place particularly specified in the local act: and it was urged that the writ might be moulded so as to limit the command to one place. But the Court refused, and held the objection fatal, Lord *Denman* C. J. saying: "It is not a return but the writ itself, that is before us. We must enforce it in the terms in which it has issued, or not at all. My brother *Patteson* says: "If one thing only is directed by the mandamus, and that is against the act of parliament, it would be a dangerous precedent to grant a peremptory mandamus in the manner suggested. We should be remoulding the writ. We may modify the rule for a mandamus, but not the writ itself" (This case appears to determine the present. Nothing is suggested as really in controversy in the suits of differences, alleged to exist, but the construction of agreements, and the right to have them confirmed: but even if they were distinct, the principle of the decision would equally apply: the writ ought not to have issued in its present form; and we cannot enforce it in that form: it might lead to great injustice to parties who refuse to accede to a demand which calls on them to do several things, and it would be full of practical inconvenience, if the Court had to determine under various circumstances a writ shall be divisible, what part of it might be enforced, and what not; which it must do

the writ be held divisible at all: whereas there is no hardship in holding that the prosecutor must be careful not to insist on more in the first instance than the law will allow him to enforce in the end. But, at all events, the points having been decided, and that according to the practice of the Court, we should do wrong if we were to adopt any other course.

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This makes it unnecessary to consider the remaining questions, or the objections in form to parts of the return which do not come in question upon the point on which we decide. Our judgment, therefore, will be for the defendants. This is the judgment of my brothers *Wightman*, *Erle* and myself.

Judgment for defendants (a).

(a) The above case was referred to, on the last point, in *Regina v. The Kidwelly & Llanelly Canal & Tramroad Company*, argued in *Hilary Vacation* (9th February) 1849, on demurrer to the return, by *Pashley* in support of the demurrer, and *Gurney* contra (before Lord Denman C. J., *Patteson*, *Coleridge* and *Wightman* Js.), and decided in the *Hilary vacation* following, February 26th, 1850; when *Patteson* J., delivered the judgment of the Court as follows:

One objection to this writ of mandamus appears to us to be fatal, and to render it unnecessary to enter into other points which were raised on the argument. The writ directs the defendants to reinstate, repair and maintain the railway. Now, so far as the direction to maintain goes, it is wrong, for it would extend to all time prospectively, and cannot have been refused by the defendants. Therefore, in *Rex v. The Severn and Wye Railway Company* (2 B. & Ald. 646.), the Court restricted the writ, and directed the rule to be absolute for a writ of mandamus to reinstate and lay down again, but not to maintain, the tramroad. We cannot now alter or mould the writ; and, if we were to grant a peremptory writ of mandamus, it must follow the language of the present writ, and direct the defendants to maintain. This point we decided very lately in the case of *Regina v. Tithe Commissioners*; and, if there be any doubt upon the question, that doubt must be resolved by a Court of Error. Judgment for defendants.

See also *Regina v. Caledonian Railway Company*, 16 Q. B. 19.

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against WILLIAM FRANCIS BENTINCK LOFTUS.

Declaration in account stated that *L.*, by deed (which was in defendant's custody, so that profert could not be made), settled land to such uses as *L.* should appoint, and, in default of appointment, to certain specific uses which were stated in the declaration: and that *L.* died without appointing: whereby the limitations in default of appointment took effect, under which plaintiff and defendant became tenants in common. From the limitations &c. stated in the declaration, it appeared that they would become such tenants.

The declaration went on to

allege that defendant received the rents and profits, and ought as bailiff to have rendered an account of what he received more than his share, but had not rendered such account.

The plea set out the deed, which appeared to be to the effect stated in the declaration; and it alleged that *L.* did appoint, setting out the appointment, which shewed that plaintiff and defendant were not tenants in common. The plea concluded with a verification.

Held, on special demurrer, a good plea; for that the fact of this appointment ought not to have been pleaded as a traverse of the allegation of non-appointment, such allegation in the count being unnecessary; and that, even if such allegation had been necessary, it was still necessary for the plea to set out the appointment, in order to shew its effect.

ACCOUNT against defendant, as bailiff, according to the statute &c. The declaration charged that, whereas heretofore, and before the commencement of this action, to wit on 26th April 1790, *William Loftus* was seised in his demesne as of fee of and in the manor, lordship, castles, towns, messuages, cottages, lands, hereditaments and premises in the indenture hereinafter next mentioned conveyed as hereinafter mentioned; and, being so seised, afterwards, to wit on the day and year last aforesaid, by a certain indenture of bargain and sale, made between *William Loftus* of one part and *Arthur Wolfe* and *John Beresford* of the other part, the day and year last aforesaid &c.: the declaration then alleged a bargain and sale to *Wolfe* and *Beresford*, for a year from the day before the date, whereby, and by force of the statute &c. (of uses), they became possessed for the said term, the reversion being vested in *William Loftus* — and afterwards, to wit on 27th April 1790, while *Wolfe* and *Beresford* were so possessed, by another indenture then made between the said *William Loftus* of the first part, *George Marquis Townshend* and The Right

Honourable Lady *Elizabeth Townshend* of the second part, the said *A. Wolfe* and *J. Beresford* of the third part, *William Henry Cavendish* Duke of *Portland* and the Right Honourable *John Townshend* (commonly called Lord *John Townshend*) of the fourth part, the Right Honourable *Frederick Townshend* (commonly called Lord *Frederick Townshend*) and *William Henry Cavendish Bentinck* Marquis of *Titchfield* of the fifth part, and the said Lord *F. Townshend* and *J. Wolfe Esquire* of the sixth part (which said indenture, not being in the custody, controul or possession of plaintiffs, but in the custody, &c. of defendant, plaintiffs cannot bring here into Court, the date whereof is the day and year last aforesaid), the said *William Loftus*, for the considerations therein mentioned, did grant, bargain, sell, alien, release and confirm to the said *A. Wolfe* and *J. Beresford*, and their heirs, the said manor, lordship, &c. and premises, so in and by the said last mentioned indenture bargained &c.: to have and to hold the same to them, *Wolfe* and *Beresford*, and their heirs, to the use of the said *William Loftus* and his heirs till a certain intended marriage between him and the said Lady *Elizabeth Townshend* should be had; and, immediately after the solemnization thereof, to the use of the said *William Loftus* for and during his natural life, &c. (limitation to preserve contingent remainders); and, subject to and after various other uses (all of which had been determined and satisfied before the receipt of the rents and profits by defendant as hereinafter mentioned), as to, for and concerning the said manor, lordship, &c. and premises, to the use of *Henry Loftus*, *William Francis Bentinck Loftus*, *Mary Ann Loftus*, the said *Harriet*, the now plaintiff, then *Harriet Loftus*,

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and *Frances Mary Loftus*, the sons and daughters of the said *William Loftus* by *Margaret* his late wife deceased, for such estate and estates, and in such parts, shares and proportions, manner and forms, as the said *William Loftus* should from time to time, by any deed and deeds, writing or writings, to be by him sealed and delivered in the presence of and attested by two or more credible witnesses, with or without power of revocation, or by his last will and testament in writing to be by him signed, sealed, published and declared in the presence of and attested by three or more credible witnesses, direct, limit, give, devise or appoint of concerning the said manor, lordship, &c. and premises or any part or parts thereof; and, for want or in default of such direction, limitation, gift, devise or appointment, and subject to any such direction, &c., as should at any time or times, be so made or given, when the same should not be a complete and absolute direction, & or complete and absolute directions, limitations, gift, devises or appointments, of the whole of the said manor, lordship, &c. and premises, hereinbefore mentioned, have been granted and released, or of the whole of the premises in such directions, limitations, &c., respectively to be comprised, or of the whole and absolute estate or interest therein, respectively, and as and when any estate or interest so to be directed, limited, given, devised or appointed therein, or in any part thereof, should respectively end and determine, then the use of the said *W. F. B. Loftus*, *M. A. Loftus*, *Harriet Loftus* and *F. M. Loftus*, equally to be divided between or among them, share and share alike, and take the same as tenants in common, and not as joint tenants, and the several heirs of the bodies of the said

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W. F. B. Loftus, M. A. Loftus, Harriet Loftus and F. M. Loftus, respectively lawfully issuing; and, in case of the death of any of them, and failure of issue of his, her or their body or bodies respectively issuing, then, as well the original part and share of him, her or them so dying, and of whom there should be a failure of issue as aforesaid, as also such other parts and shares as should or might vest in any of them, the said *W. F. B. Loftus, M. A. Loftus, Harriet Loftus* and *F. M. Loftus*, by way of survivorship or accruer upon the death and failure of issue of any other of them, the said *W. F. B. Loftus, M. A. Loftus, Harriet Loftus* and *F. M. Loftus*, should, from time to time, as often as it should so happen, go, remain and enure to the use of the survivors or survivor of them, equally to be divided between and amongst them, share and share alike, and to take the same, if more than one such survivor, as tenants in common and not as joint tenants, and the heirs of the bodies and body of such survivors and survivor lawfully issuing.

And it was further provided and declared that it should and might be lawful to and for the said *W. Loftus*, from time to time, and at all times, during his life, by any deed or deeds in writing to be by him sealed and delivered in the presence of and attested by two or more credible witnesses, to grant, demise, limit or appoint all or any of the said manor, lordship, &c. and premises, or any of them, or any part or parcel of them, to any person or persons, his, her or their executors, administrators and assigns, for any term or terms of years, upon trust, by sale or mortgage of the said lands and premises so to be granted, limited &c., for all

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or any part of such term or terms, or out of the rents and profits thereof, or otherwise as to the trustees, in whom such term or terms should be respectively vested, should seem meet, to raise and buy any sum or sums of money for the better advancement in the world and preferment in marriage of the said *Henry Loftus*, *W. F. B. Loftus*, *M. A. Loftus*, *Harriet Loftus* and *F. M. Loftus*, the sons and daughters of the said *William Loftus* by the said *Margaret* his late wife, deceased, or any or either of them, to be raised and paid at such times, and with, under and subject to such provisoes, conditions, and limitations over, such limitations over being for the benefit of some or one of such children, as in and by such deed or deeds, to be sealed and delivered and attested as aforesaid, should be directed, declared or expressed of or concerning the same, so as, in each of the said several grants, demises, limitations or appointments, respectively, there should be inserted clauses, &c.: indemnifying trustees, and for determining terms when trusts should be satisfied and at an end. As by the said indenture, &c.

Averment, that the said intended marriage between the said *W. Loftus* and Lady *Elizabeth Townshend*, after the making of the last mentioned indenture, to wit on &c., was had and solemnized, and that afterwards, and in the lifetime of the said *William Loftus*, the said plaintiff *Thomas Bourke Ricketts*, to wit on &c., took to wife the said *Harriet Loftus*; and the said *Mary Ann Loftus* and *Frances Mary Loftus*, after the execution of the said deeds, and in the lifetime of the said *William Loftus*, to wit on &c., did, and each of them did, depart this life without leaving any heir

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or heirs of their or either of their bodies lawfully issuing.

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And that the said *William Loftus*, afterwards, to wit on 15th *July* 1831, departed this life without having made any such direction, limitation, gift, devise or appointment as in the said indenture and hereinbefore mentioned, and without having made any valid grant, demise, limitation or appointment under or by virtue of the said proviso. And that the said *W. F. B. Loftus*, the now defendant, and the said *Harriet* survived him: whereupon and whereby the plaintiffs were seised, in right of the said *Harriet*, in their demesne as of fee tail, that is to say to them and the heirs of the body of the said *Harriet* lawfully issuing, of a great part, that is to say one undivided moiety, of the said manor, lordship, &c. and premises, as tenants in common thereof with the defendant. And defendant, for a long space of time after the said marriage, to wit from thence hitherto, held the said manor, lordship, &c. and premises, together with the plaintiffs, as tenants in common as aforesaid: and defendant had also, during all that time, the care and management of the whole of the said manor, lordship &c., and premises, and took the rents, issues and profits thereof. By reason whereof, and according to the statute in that case &c., it became and was the duty of defendant, as bailiff of the plaintiffs in right of the said *Harriet* of what he received more than his just share thereof, to render a reasonable account thereof to the plaintiffs, and their share thereof, according to the form of the statute &c. And, although defendant, during the time aforesaid, received more than his just share of the rents, issues and profits of the said manor, lordship, &c. and premises, and plaintiff's share thereof, that is to

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say, the whole of the rents, issues and profits of the said manor, lordship &c., and premises : yet defendant though he was afterwards, to wit on &c., requested the plaintiffs so to do, has not yet rendered a reasonable account to plaintiffs of the said rents, &c., so received aforesaid, or either of them, or any part thereof, or the said share of the plaintiffs, or any part thereof but has hitherto wholly neglected and refused so do : contrary to the form of the statute &c.

Plea 3. That true it is that, after the making of the indenture first mentioned, and while *Wolfe* and *Berford* were so possessed of the term, and the reversal remained in *William Loftus*, to wit on 27th April 179 the said indenture of release was made, as in the declaration mentioned ; and that the last mentioned indenture is not in the custody, &c. of plaintiffs, but in the custody, &c. of defendant ; and defendant now brings into Court here the last mentioned indenture which is in the words and figures following, that is to say : " This indenture " &c. (The indenture was set out verbatim ; but it was not suggested that the effect was not accurately stated in the declaration, so far as respects the present question.) That *William Loftus*, in his lifetime, to wit on 20th July 1804, in pursuance, fulfilment and execution of the proviso in the indenture of release &c. : the plea then set out an appointment of the said manor, lordship, &c. and premises to *Arthur French* and *Charles Lucas Edridge*, for a term of one thousand years from the decease of *William Loftus*, in trust, by sale or mortgage, to raise money to a certain amount, to be applied as therein mentioned. That afterwards, to wit on 15th July 1831, *William Loftus* died, from which time *French* and *Edridge* were pos-

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sessed for the term ; the trusts whereof have not been satisfied. And defendant further says that the said *William Loftus*, by such appointment so by him in his lifetime in and by the said indenture made to the said *A. French* and *C. L. Edridge* as aforesaid, did make a valid appointment under and by virtue of the power in the said proviso in the said indenture of release or settlement contained, and in the said declaration in that behalf mentioned. Verification.

Plea 4. That, after the making of the indenture of release, which was and is in the words and figures as in the third plea set out, and after the marriage between *William Loftus* and *Lady Elizabeth Townshend* had been solemnized as in the declaration mentioned, and in the lifetime of *William Loftus*, to wit on 5th April 1823, the said *Henry Loftus*, in the last mentioned indenture mentioned, did depart this life. That *William Loftus*, since deceased, in his lifetime, afterwards, and after the making of the last mentioned indenture, and after his marriage with *Lady Elizabeth Townshend*, and after the decease of *Henry Loftus*, and after the plaintiff *T. B. Ricketts* had taken to wife the said *Harriet Loftus*, and after the respective deaths of the said *Mary Anne Loftus* and *Frances Mary Loftus*, to wit on 15th July 1831, in pursuance and execution of the said power of appointment in and by the last mentioned indenture reserved to him, *William Loftus*, did, by his last will and testament in writing by him signed, &c. (stating performance of the specified requisites), appoint the said manor, lordship, &c. and premises, and every part thereof, with the appurtenances to the same belonging, but subject and without prejudice to the trusts of a certain term of

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one thousand years limited and created in the said manors and hereditaments by the said deed of appointment bearing date 20th *July* 1804, in the third plea mentioned, to the use, intent, and purpose, &c. (the limitations of the will were then set out, giving an annual rent charge of 100*l.* to the plaintiff *Harriet* for life, and, subject thereto, appointing the manor, lands and hereditaments to the use of defendant in fee): such appointment, so by *William Loftus*, in his lifetime, in and by his said last will and testament, made as aforesaid, being such appointment as, in and by the said indenture above set out, the said *W. Loftus* was authorised and empowered to make and execute. Averment, that the said *W. Loftus* afterwards, to wit on 15th *July* 1831, died without altering his said will as to the said appointment. Verification.

Special demurrer to both pleas, assigning (among others) the causes afterwards insisted upon in argument. Joinder.

The demurrer was argued in last term (a) and this vacation (b).

Willes, for the plaintiff. One question, which this demurrer raises, is of substance; namely, whether either of the appointments set out in the third and fourth pleas be valid. That point has already been decided in the affirmative, as to both, in *Ricketts v. Loftus* (c), by *Alderson* and *Rolfe* Bs., on the Equity side of the Exchequer. If the Court will entertain the question, it

(a) November 20th: before *Coleridge*, *Wightman* and *Erle* Js.

(b) December 5th: before *Patteson*, *Coleridge* and *Erle* Js. *Coleridge* J. left the Court towards the close of the argument.

(c) 4 *Y. & Coll. Exch. Eq.* 519.

is proposed to dispute the propriety of that decision. [*Coleridge J.* As that point has been decided by a Court of coordinate jurisdiction, and you can go into error upon that decision, we think we ought not to hear the point argued.] Then, as to the form of the pleas: if the deed set out in the third plea, and referred to in the fourth, vary in effect from the deed recited in the declaration, the pleas ought to have been in the form of a traverse. Again, as to the appointments alleged in these pleas. The declaration sets out a state of facts negating any appointment by *William Loftus*, and deducing, from the facts, and the absence of appointment, an interest in the plaintiffs and defendant which is substantively alleged. The pleas allege appointments, so as to shew an interest not consistent with that alleged in the declaration. That is a traverse of a conclusion of law. But, further, the execution of the appointments being inconsistent in fact with the necessary allegation in the declaration that there was no appointment, each plea is in effect an argumentative traverse; the pleas should have concluded to the country. If it was necessary to plead the particular effect of the appointments, that might have been done with an *absque hoc*.

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Peacock, contra. The deed, as set out, does not vary in effect from that recited in the declaration: the plea merely gives it more fully. There could therefore be no traverse as to this. As to the allegations of the appointments. The declaration, upon the facts therein stated, deduces the title correctly. The pleas do not dispute that conclusion of law. They do, however, shew other facts which, by way of confession and avoidance, destroy the effect of the facts alleged in the declaration.

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ration. And the facts so shewn in the pleas are in the nature of new facts: because, although the declaration does negative the fact of the appointment, that was unnecessary and premature; and the defendant could not answer by denying that *W. Loftus* had made no appointment; he was bound to shew affirmatively what is the appointment on which he relies. There might well be an appointment not destroying the interest which the declaration sets up. If a declaration alleges that *A.* was seised in fee, and then goes on to aver that he died seised, the plea cannot traverse the dying seised, but must shew how the estate determined in *A.*'s lifetime. So, if the declaration stated that *A.* devised, and died without revoking his devise, a simple traverse of having died without revoking would be demurrable. In *Powell v. Bradbury* (a) the declaration charged that the defendants wrongfully and without reasonable cause dismissed plaintiff; the plea was that they did not dismiss him wrongfully and without reasonable cause, in manner &c.: and it was held that this put in issue merely the fact of the dismissal: the plea ought to have shewn reasonable cause affirmatively; the denial of reasonable cause in the declaration was premature, and so not traversable. "A traverse is not good when taken on matter, the allegation of which was premature, though in itself not immaterial to the case;" *Stephen's On Pleading*, 276 (5th ed.), citing *Sir Ralph Bovy's Case* (b). [Coleridge J. I do not understand Mr. Willes to dispute the general rule: but he says that the allegation in the declaration was necessary.] It is an instance of what is called in *Sir Ralph Bovy's Case* (b)

(a) 7 Com. B. 201.

(b) 1 Vent. 217.

leaping before coming to the stile: the declaration relies upon an estate shewn to be vested until displaced by an appointment: it is for the defendant to shew that it was so displaced. In *Hollis v. Palmer* (a) a count on a promissory note alleged payment of interest within six years: and, on demurrer, it was held that the defendant might plead the Statute of Limitations without noticing this allegation. *Hodgins v. Hancock* (b) affirms the same principle.

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Willes, in reply. The illustration suggested from the mode of pleading a title by descent fails: it is necessary to allege that the ancestor died seised; and the allegation may be traversed in terms, as appears from *Com. Dig. Pleader* (G 10.) (c). *Hodgins v. Hancock* (b) decided a point apparently too plain for argument, that, where a plaintiff in his declaration gave credit for payment of part, this payment could not be traversed. In *Hollis v. Palmer* (a) the attempt seems to have been to trick the defendant by averring payment of interest within six years: the Court held this an immaterial allegation, the interest being merely accessory to the principal debt. In *Sir Ralph Bovy's Case* (d) the allegation, that the escape for which the action was brought was voluntary, was held to be, though not irrelevant, immaterial at that step, because without it a good cause of action was shewn. That is not the case as to the allegation here: the interest on which the action is founded arises only upon the failure to appoint. "In all cases where the estate or interest com-

(a) 2 New Ca. 713.

(b) 14 M. & W. 120.

(c) Citing *Fivion v. St. Abyn*, 2 Dyer, 107. a.

(d) 1 Vent. 217.

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mences on a condition precedent, *be the condition or — in the affirmative or negative*, and to be performed the plaintiff, the defendant, *or any other*, the plaintiff ought, in his count, to aver performance;” *Com. Pleader* (C 51.). *Powell v. Bradbury* (a) rests on the same principle as *Sir Ralph Bovy’s Case* (b). The rule introduced by the New Rules (c), that a special traverse must conclude to the country, was framed with the view of preventing argumentative traverses concluding with a verification. Some difficulty certainly might arise if the effect of the appointment did not appear. But the meaning of the averment in the declaration is that no such appointment was made and could prevent the plaintiff and defendant from being tenants in common. [Patteson J. That is the difficulty could the defendant traverse that? Could he refer the question to a jury?] It may be that the declaration is specially demurrable, because, if an issue were taken in the terms of the allegation, it could not be such an issue as, whichever way found, would conclude the question; that was the principle of *Burroughs v. Hodgson* (d). [Peacock. The absence of appointment is not in the nature of a condition precedent: the interest is vested in the first instance.] *Cur. adv. vult*

PATTESON J. now delivered the judgment of the Court.

The only question for our determination in the case is, whether the third and fourth pleas, in each

(a) 7 *Com. B.* 201.

(b) 1 *Vent.* 217.

(c) *Reg. Gen. Hil. 4 W. 4., General Rules and Regulations*, 13; 5 & *Ad.* vi.

(d) 9 *A. & E.* 499.

of which it is pleaded affirmatively that General *Loftus*, in the one case by deed and in the other by will, made an appointment under a power, and each of which pleas concludes with a verification, are good, or whether the defendant ought to have traversed an allegation in the declaration that General *Loftus* died without making an appointment, and concluded to the country.

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We are of opinion that the pleas are good. We think the allegation in the declaration premature; and therefore that the defendant was not bound to traverse it. According to the case of *Doe dem. Willis v. Martin* (a), and many others, the remainder to the children was vested, subject to be divested by the exercise of the power of appointment by General *Loftus*. It was unnecessary therefore in the declaration to allege that the power had not been exercised.

But, even if this had been otherwise, and the allegation had been absolutely necessary, and even supposing that it is to be taken as a direct allegation that General *Loftus* had not appointed, yet, when the defendant, in this action of account between alleged tenants in common, comes to meet that allegation by an affirmative assertion that General *Loftus* did exercise the power of appointment, it is plain, according to all the rules of pleading and of common sense, that it was not sufficient for him merely to say that General *Loftus* did appoint, but that he was obliged to shew how and to whom he appointed, in order to shew that the plaintiffs and defendant were not tenants in common, and so to make his plea a bar to the action. Con-

(a) 4 T. R. 39.

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sistently with the mere fact that General *Loftus* appointed, the plaintiffs and defendant might be ten in common; for the appointment itself might have made them so. There is nothing in the most technical rules of pleading which could make it necessary for the defendant to take a traverse which might be immaterial, instead of bringing the real state of the case before the Court as he has done by his pleas.

Judgment for defendant.

Tuesday,
December 18th.

FRANCIS JENKYNs against WILLIAM BROWN
JOSEPH SHIPLEY, SAMUEL NICHOLSON and
Others.

K. purchased corn at New Orleans for plaintiff, a London merchant, whose agent K. was. The purchase was made with K.'s money; and K. drew for the amount upon plaintiff, the bill being, in

TROVER for Indian corn. Pleas: 1. Not Guilty. 2. That plaintiff was not possessed &c. Issue thereon.

On the trial, before *Erle J.*, at the *Liverpool* summer assizes, 1848, it appeared that the plaintiff was a corn merchant living in *London*, and employing Messrs. *Klingender & Co.* as his agents at *New Orleans*. In its body, expressed to be on account of the corn. K. sold the bill to defendant at *New Orleans*, and, at the same time, handed to defendant a bill of lading of the corn, which had been drawn for delivery to K.'s order and indorsed by K. K. at the same time empowered defendant to sell the corn if the bill of exchange should not be paid. Afterward K. advised plaintiff of the transaction, forwarded to him the invoice, which stated the corn to be shipped at the risk and on the account of plaintiff, and requested plaintiff to accept the bill of exchange.

Held, that the inference from these facts was that K. did not transfer the property in the corn to plaintiff, subject to a lien, but only transferred the property to plaintiff on the condition of his paying the bill of exchange, and that, in the mean time, the corn was the property of defendant.

The corn having arrived in *England*, and the bills of exchange and lading having been forwarded to *England* by defendant, the bill of exchange was accepted by plaintiff. On its maturity, he offered to take it up: but it was not produced, owing to a mistake of defendant's agent in *England* as to its place of deposit. On a later day the bill of exchange was presented to plaintiff, who did not pay it.

Held, that defendant, under these circumstances, was entitled to retain the corn.

*April 1847, Klingender & Co. purchased for plaintiff, at New Orleans, the Indian corn in question with their own money. They drew two bills on the plaintiff, one for 975*l*. 10*s*. 6*d*., the other for 1537*l*. 14*s*. 10*d*., both at thirty days' sight, for the amount; and in the body of these bills it was stated that they were to be placed to the account of the corn. These bills they sold (a) to the defendant Samuel Nicholson at the regular value of the bills, handing over to him at the same time, as security, the bills of lading for the corn, shipped as after mentioned, which were made payable to the order of Messrs. Klingender & Co., and indorsed by them. It was agreed between Klingender & Co. and Nicholson that the latter might sell the corn if the bills were not paid. Nicholson was a partner with the other defendants, the firm having houses of business both at New Orleans and at Liverpool. The corn was shipped for Liverpool by different vessels; and the invoices were made out, purporting that the corn was "consigned to order, by order, and for account and risk, of Francis Jenkyns, Esq. London." The invoices were sent to the plaintiff from New Orleans by Klingender & Co., after the indorsement of the bills of exchange and handing of the bills of lading to Nicholson, with a letter to plaintiff, advising him of the shipment and of the drawing of the bills of exchange, requesting him to accept them, and adding: "bills of lading, as, before, accompany the draft. This closes our present purchases for you." The corn arrived at Liverpool. Nicholson forwarded the bills of exchange and bills of lading to the Liverpool house*

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(a) It was stated that this was a common mode of dealing with bills at New Orleans instead of discounting them.

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of defendants. The bills of exchange were presented for acceptance to plaintiff, and accepted by him, payable at Messrs. *Smith & Payne's*, bankers, London, and they became due on 17th June 1848. They were deposited, together with the bills of lading, by the defendants, with Messrs. *Denison & Co.*, bankers London. On the 17th of June the plaintiff called at Messrs. *Denison & Co.'s*, and demanded the bills of lading, offering to take up the bills of exchange. He was told that the bills of exchange had been sent to the clearing house, as was then supposed to be the fact: but it afterwards turned out that they had been locked up, together with the bills of lading at Messrs. *Denison's*. The plaintiff was requested to call the next day at Messrs. *Denison's*, but did not do so. The bills of exchange were afterwards presented for payment at *Smith & Payne's*, but were not paid. The defendants sued the plaintiff on the bills of exchange, and obtained a verdict. Subsequently to this the plaintiff became bankrupt: but he afterwards made arrangements with his creditors, in consequence of which the fiat was annulled. At the time of these arrangements, the following instrument was signed on behalf of the defendants and given to the plaintiff.

“ *London, February 9th, 1848*

“ Received of *F. Jenkyns* 230*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.* in cash, a promissory note 69*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.*, due 12 *May*, in full of all claim on him, as per agreement, it being understood that, in default of payment of the above promissory note, our original claim revives.

300*l.*

For *Brown, Shipley &
Overend, Gurney*

Afterwards, the plaintiff demanded of defendants the bills of lading; but the defendants claimed to retain them, insisting that the account had been taken on the supposition that they were indemnified to the amount of the value of the corn. Defendants afterwards sold the corn. The present action was then brought.

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The learned Judge told the jury that no property in the corn had passed to the plaintiff, except upon the condition of his paying the bills of exchange: and that his offer to take up these bills on the 17th of *June* did not satisfy the condition: and, under his Lordship's direction (*a*), a verdict was found for the defendants on the second issue and for the plaintiff on the first.

In *Michaelmas* term, 1848, *Watson*, for the plaintiff, obtained a rule nisi for a new trial, on the ground of misdirection. In last term (*b*),

Martin and *Cowling* shewed cause. The question is, what *Klingender & Co.* meant as to the property in the corn. They bought it with their own money; and they might either make it their own property, or the property absolutely of the plaintiff, or the property of the plaintiff conditionally. They did the last, the condition being the payment of the bills. This construction was put on a similar transaction in *Wait v. Baker* (*c*). There the party imposing the condition was the vendor himself: but an agent has the

(*a*) The plaintiff's counsel did not require any question to be put to the jury, both sides leaving the result to the Court, as the inference from facts not disputed.

(*b*) *November* 2d and 3d. Before *Coleridge*, *Wightman* and *Erle* Js.

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same rights as the vendor, and may reserve a lien or enforce a stoppage in transitu. Nor was the interest of the defendants, as assignees of *Klingender & Co.*, put an end to by the offer to take up the bills on 17th *June*. The tender could do no more than suspend the right of the holder of the bills to recover before a fresh demand made. In effect there was merely a failure to present the bills: that did not fulfil the condition of payment: and, till the fulfilment of that condition, no property passed to the plaintiff. It is not a question of lien: the property has never passed to the plaintiff at all. It is not the invoice, but the bill of lading, that is the symbol of property. The bills of lading are made out to the order of *Klingender & Co.* That was clear evidence that the property did not then pass to the plaintiff; *Wait v. Baker* (a), *Vernon Casteel v. Booker* (b). At what time then could the property pass to the plaintiff? The next step was the indorsement of the bills of lading to the defendants for valuable consideration. The letter accompanying the transmission of the invoices was not written after the transfer of the bills of lading to the defendants: so that, even if the transmission of the invoices in itself would have affected the property, as against *Klingender & Co.*, it took place after the vesting of the right of the defendants, and could not defeat that right. Assuming that personal property can be so dealt with as to pass on the performance of a condition (which is questionable), the condition has not been performed. The payment has never been made by the plaintiff: he might, instead of withdrawing his

(a) 2 *Exch.* 1.

(b) 2 *Exch.* 691. 708.

tender upon the non-production of the bills of exchange and bills of lading, have paid the money, and relied upon his supposed right to have the bills given up. The receipt of *February 9th*, 1848, was not an abandonment by the defendants of their right on the bills of exchange and bills of lading: it was given on the supposition that the corn was to be retained by them to meet the bills, as far as it could, the receipt being for a composition on the ultimate balance between the plaintiff and the defendants.

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Watson and Overend, contra. The effect of the shipment, the drawing upon the plaintiff, the invoices, and the bills of lading, was to confer the property upon the plaintiff at once, with a reservation to *Klingender & Co.* of a lien for the price. [Erle J. Might not *Klingender & Co.* have reserved the property to themselves by express words? And have not the bills of lading, made for delivery to their order, the same effect?] They have not. If the corn had been lost at sea, the plaintiff must have borne the loss, having accepted the goods on the terms of the invoices. *Klingender & Co.* therefore could transfer only the right to the lien; and the defendants were in the position of an unpaid vendor holding the property under a lien for the payment. Then the offer of payment discharged the lien: the rule that a tender is no defence to an action if there be a subsequent demand and refusal is inapplicable to this question. It seems that, in *Scarfe v. Morgan* (a), if there had been an absolute refusal to accept payment, the Court would have held the lien to be determined: the same principle may be collected from *Stevenson v.*

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Blakelock (a), *Cowell v. Simpson* (b) and *Crozer v. Pelling* (c). Immediately upon the tender, the defendants became wrongful holders. The offer of payment destroys the plea ipso facto. [*Erle J.* You went to the wrong place. The bills ought not, in the course of business, to have been at *Denison's*. *Wightman J.* They should have gone to *Smith & Payne's*.] The bills were in fact at *Denison's*. In *Wait v. Baker* (d) the vendor had not accepted the bill of lading or invoice so as to affirm the sale. *Van Casteel v. Booker* (e) more nearly resembles this case. The Court there considered the case to be that of a right of lien in an unpaid vendor.

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COLERIDGE J. now delivered judgment.

Although *Klingender & Co.* bought the corn in question abroad as agents for the plaintiff, yet, as they paid for it with their own money, it became their property; and, after the shipment, the cargo continued their property, as there is no evidence of an intention that it should pass, and as the taking of a bill of lading deliverable to their own order is nearly conclusive evidence that it did not pass. By delivering this bill of lading, indorsed to the defendants, as a security for the payment of the bills of exchange drawn on the plaintiff for the value of the cargo, and giving power to sell in case of failure of payment (the bills of exchange having been purchased by the defendant), they passed to the defendant for value a special property in the cargo; and by afterwards sending the

(a) 1 M. & S. 535.

(c) 4 B. & C. 26.

(e) 2 Exch. 691.

(b) 16 Ves. 275.

(d) 2 Exch. 1.

invoice with the bills of exchange and letters of advice to the plaintiff they passed to him the general property in the cargo, subject to this special property. Under this arrangement, the plaintiff's right of possession would not arise till the bills should be paid.

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On the day of maturity the plaintiff offered payment of the bills to the holder of them; but, as they were accidentally mislaid on that day, the payment was not received, and the plaintiff was desired to pay on the following morning. This he was not then, and has not since, been able to do.

Upon these facts the plaintiff has contended that the defendants had no interest in the cargo beyond a lien for the amount of the bills; and that such lien was discharged by the offer of that amount; and that thereby the plaintiff was entitled to demand possession of the cargo without payment, and, on refusal, to maintain trover.

But we think that the defendants had a special property in the cargo, according to the intention of the parties as above stated, when the bill of lading was delivered to them. We also think that the offer of the money on the one hand, and the request on the other for a day's delay before receiving it, on account of an accident, did not amount to a tender and refusal of the payment, and did not discharge the plaintiff from his duty to pay the bills before his right to the possession of the cargo attached.

The law bearing upon many of these points is clearly laid down in *Wait v. Baker* (a) and *Van Casteel v. Booker* (b), with which we agree. It follows that the

(a) 2 *Exch.* 1.

(b) 2 *Exch.* 691.

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(c) 6 *Trunt.* 263. 274.

(d) 7 *Bing.* 379.

(e) 7 *Bing.* 390.

(g) 6 *Bing.* 121.

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verdict for the defendant was right: and the rule must be discharged.

Rule discharged.

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NEEVES *against* BURRAGE.

A bill filed by a creditor of a deceased testator, for the administration of the estate under the direction of the Court, does not of itself suspend or controul the executor's right to dispose of the property and make a good title.

The Courts of common law take judicial notice of this principle of equity; and evidence to shew a contrary practice is not admissible.

ASSUMPSIT. The first count stated that the defendant set up certain improved ground rents for sale on certain conditions; that plaintiff became the purchaser for 310*l.*, and defendant promised to perform the conditions and that he had a good title according to the conditions, and would convey: of which promise breaches were alleged. The second count was for money had and received, and on an account stated.

Pleas: Non assumpsit; and six pleas to the first count, all concluding to the country. Issues thereon.

On the trial, before *Erle J.*, at the *Middlesex* sittings after *Michaelmas* term, 1848, the plaintiff failed to prove the first count, for want of a written agreement signed by defendant. The count for money had and received was then insisted upon: as to which the following facts appeared. The defendant was the executor of *William Lewis Davis*, deceased, who at the time of his death was owner of certain improved ground rents upon property leased to him and which he had underlet. The defendant caused the rents to be set up for sale by public auction. The second lot was described, in the particulars of sale, as "A well secured improved ground rent of 25*l.* 16*s.*, arising from, and well secured on, two houses, being Nos. 38. and 39."

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on the North side of *Drummond Street, St. Pancras*, producing a rental of about 80*l.* 'per annum." The 3d condition of sale was: "the purchaser to pay down immediately a deposit of 20*l.* per cent., in part of the purchase money, and sign an agreement for payment of the remainder on the 29th day of *September* next," &c. The 5th condition was: "That the vendor will deliver to the purchasers or their solicitors, seven days after the sale, abstracts of the leases under which the premises are respectively held, and the purchaser shall not require the production of the lessor's title, nor the production of any deeds or documents in any such leases recited or referred to: and the last receipt for rent shall be conclusive evidence that the covenants contained in the leases have been fulfilled: all deeds of covenant for production of deeds, attested, official or other copies or extracts from deeds, wills or other documents, or any other evidence of title, not in the possession of the vendors, required either for the verification of the abstracts or otherwise, are to be prepared and obtained by and at the purchaser's expense." The 6th was: "The sale being made by the surviving executor of testator, for payment of a bond debt of the testator, the purchasers shall not require the concurrence of the cestui que trust, or devisees, or next of kin; and the vendor shall only covenant that he has not incumbered, or to produce deeds if necessary." The 8th condition was: "That, should the purchaser's solicitors take any objection to the title of either lot which the vendor's solicitor shall be unable in his opinion to remove, the vendor shall have the option of returning the deposit and determining the contract, without any further claim for and in full of all costs and

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damages." The 9th condition was: "That, if the purchasers shall fail to comply with any of the above conditions, the deposit money shall be actually forfeited to the vendor, who shall be at full liberty to proceed to another sale, either by public auction or private contract," &c.

The plaintiff purchased the second lot at the sale, on 23d *July* 1847, for 310*l.*, and paid 62*l.* as deposit. The abstracts were handed to him, according to the conditions: but, in the course of a correspondence with the defendant's attorney, the plaintiff, on the 12th *October* 1847, first learned that a bill in Chancery had been filed against the defendant, by a bond creditor of the deceased. The bill was filed on 2d *June* 1847 and it prayed the Court to direct the administration of the trusts of the will, and appoint a receiver of the testator's personal estate, and of the rents and profits of his freehold, copyhold and leasehold estates. The defendant appeared to this bill on 4th *June* 1847; but it was not shewn that any thing further had occurred in the suit. The plaintiff, being advised by his counsel that the title was not good, on 27th *November* 1847 demanded back his purchase money. The present action was brought for such purchase money. For the plaintiff, a conveyancing barrister was called as a witness. He stated that, according to the practice in Chancery, under the present circumstances, the executor had not the power to sell; and that the plaintiff in the Chancery suit, and not the executor, would have the conduct of the sale if made under the decree of the Court. He referred to the cases of *Walker v. Smalwood* (a), *Cafe v. Bent* (b) and *The Attorney General*

(a) *Ambl.* 676.

(b) 3 *Hare*, 245.

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an opposite doctrine, had been questioned in the Court of King's Bench. The recognized practice in Equity is that, up to the time of the decree, the executor may sell. The barrister who deposed to the contrary effect at the trial relied upon *The Attorney General v. Clack* (a), where, pending an information filed for the purpose of having new trustees appointed, the existing trustees made an appointment to the trust, and a pecuniary arrangement, without the sanction of the Court: but all there decided was that the trustees, under such circumstances, were bound to shew strictly that they had done right, and must bear the costs of such proof: there was no decision negating their power. He relied also on *Cafe v. Bent* (b): but the judgment of Vice-Chancellor *Wigram* there is expressly limited to the case of the Court having assumed the execution of the trust. He says: "There is no authority for the proposition, that the mere filing of a bill in this Court has the effect of suspending the power given by the will to the surviving or remaining trustee. There is no reason why the mere institution of a suit, which may never be prosecuted, should have the effect of preventing trustees from exercising their discretion. Where, indeed, the Court has assumed the execution of the trusts, it would be highly inconvenient, if not impracticable, that the trustees should afterwards act independently of the Court. The Court does not, however, in the absence of any misconduct in the trustees, deprive them of the exercise of their discretion, but only requires them to act under the controul of the Court." It is the decree itself which has this effect; payments made after the institution of the

(a) 1 *Beav.* 467.

(b) 3 *Hare*, 245.

suit, but before a decree, are valid; *Mitchelson v. Piper* (a), *Maltby v. Russell* (b), where *Earl of Oxford v. Daston* (c), a case in the House of Lords, was acted upon. The result is that the executors not only may, but must, go on administering the estate, up to the time of a decree. A contrary decision would lead to great injustice: the mere filing of a bill would deprive the executor of his power, though he would be without the means of knowing whether the suit would be persisted in.

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Corrie, contra. If the title be not good in equity as well as law, the vendor's contract is broken; *Maberley v. Robins* (d). In *Curling v. Shuttleworth* (e) *Tindal* C. J. said: "The rule is, that where upon a sale there is such doubt upon the vendor's title as to render it probable the purchaser's right may become a matter of investigation (g), the Court will not compel him to complete the purchase:" "if there be a reasonable degree of doubt, this Court will not expect the purchaser to proceed." That is a rule more stringent than it is necessary for the present plaintiff to insist upon: but at any rate there must be a good title, equitable as well as legal: if the title be not wholly good it is not good at all, and the vendee may recover his deposit money. The question arising upon an issue in a Court of law, the equitable title becomes matter of evidence: as to that, the evidence was that the title was bad in equity; and this was not contradicted: the nonsuit therefore was wrong. This Court will

(a) 8 Sim. 64.

(b) 2 Sim. & St. 227.

(c) *Collier's Ca.* Parl. 229,

(d) 5 Taunt. 625.

(e) 6 Bing. 134.

(g) See *Forster v. Hoggart*, 15 Q. B. 155.

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take judicial notice of the jurisdiction of Courts of Equity, but not of their practice: this may be collected from *Lane's Case* (a), *Tucker v. Inman* (b), *Dicas v. Baron Brougham & Vaux* (c), *Rex v. Koops* (d). If, indeed, the question as to the equitable title arose on a mere point of equitable interest, this Court might take notice of the equitable interest, as in bankruptcy: but the question here is whether the Court of Chancery, by its practice, will or will not restrain the executor from acting. Authority was referred to, in confirmation of the barrister's evidence. In *Walker v. Smalwood* (e) a sale by the devisee of lands charged with payment of debts, made pending suit by a creditor praying sale and payment, was held to be void. It may be added that the same rule was recognised in *Drayson v. Pocock* (g) and in *Annesley v. Ashurst* (h). In that last case there had, it is true, been a decree: but the distinction between a suit pending and a suit where there has been a decree cannot be supported.

Cur. adv. vult.

PATTESON J. now delivered the judgment of the Court.

The right of the plaintiff to recover the money claimed in the action depended on the question whether the defendant had a good title to the leasehold interest which was the subject of the contract. It was not disputed that the leases were valid, and were in accordance with the conditions of sale: but it was con-

(a) 2 Rep. 16. b.

(c) 1 Moo. & Rob. 309. 312.

(e) Amb. 676.

(h) 3 P. Wms. 282.

(b) 4 M. & G. 1049. 1065.

(d) 6 A. & E. 198.

(g) 4 Sim. 288.

tended that the sale was void by the rules of equity, because a bill in equity had been filed by a creditor against the defendant, who was an executor and as such possessed of the leasehold interest in question, to which the defendant had appeared; it being supposed that an executor so circumstanced could not make a valid sale of a part of the assets. But we are of opinion that this ground cannot be maintained. We find no decision to that effect in respect of executors. On the contrary, the authorities cited shew that the executor has the power of sale at any time before a decree in the suit. It seems that there would be inconvenience if the law were otherwise; as, then, a bill in equity for payment of a debt would in effect take away the power of obtaining the means of paying until the suit should be determined.

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It is sufficient to say, of the cases cited on behalf of the plaintiff, where sales by trustees pending a suit had been held void, that none of them applied to a supposed trust arising merely from the relation of executor to a creditor of the testator.

It was further contended that the supposed rule in equity was a rule of practice merely, and, as such, the subject of proof by evidence; and that, according to the evidence at the trial, the rule existed.

But we think that the rule, if it existed, could not be properly classed with rules of practice, which relate to the proceedings in a suit merely. According to the contention of the plaintiff, the rule extends to render void the contract of a purchaser who was no party to the suit, and so to affect his substantive rights. It is, therefore, a part of the rules of equity of which

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The rule therefore must be discharged.

Rule discharged.

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DOE on the demise of JOHN PAYNE against
WILLIAM PLYER.

J. Payne, having two sons, Edward and John, and four daughters, Ann, Elizabeth, Mary and Sarah, by his will (dated before 1st January 1838) recited that he

EJECTMENT to recover two sixth parts of about twelve acres of land, lying in the parish of *Stotfold, Bedfordshire*. There were two demises, by *John Payne*, bearing date respectively 1st *April* 1842, and 1st *July* 1846. The defendant pleaded Not guilty. On the trial, before *Pollock C. B.*, at the *Bedfordshire* Lent

had surrendered, or intended to surrender, all that part of his estates which were copyhold to the use of his will. He gave to *Edward* and his heirs and assigns for ever all his estates lying in *N.*, on condition of his paying an annuity to the four daughters, "or to the heirs of their body, share and share alike." He gave to *John* land at *Stotfold* and *W.*, without words of inheritance, but adding "I give the above to him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, upon condition" of paying an annuity to the daughters "or the heirs of their body, share and share alike." He gave to *Ann* and *Sarah* each a cottage, without words of inheritance. "I give unto my son *John* *The Meeting House*," "if it is not made freehold, to save the expense of so many fines. But my will is for *John* to let *Edward*, *Ann*, *Elizabeth*, *Mary* and *Sarah* have equal shares with him, the same as if it was freehold and gave amongst them. I give all the land I bought of *Mr. Burton*," "to *Ann*, *Elizabeth*, *Edward*, *John*, *Mary* and *Sarah Payne*, as likewise *The Meeting House* and appurtenances, if it made free, share and share equally amongst them. If *John* refuse to let them have share of the *Meeting*, he to forfeit all his *Stotfold* estate, to be divided amongst them. I give unto *Edward Payne* and *John Payne* all the estate as I bought of *Mr. Reynolds*, lying in the parishes of *C.* and *W.*," "equally between, on condition of their paying 10*l.* a year to my daughters, their heirs or assigns: that is to say, 2*l.* a year to *Ann*" &c., "their heirs and assigns for ever." The will gave special directions as to the occupation and management of the *Stotfold* property, as to certain pecuniary legacies and the disposal of the surplus, as to mourning, funeral &c., and appointed a trustee and executors. The will appeared to be drawn by an uninstructed person.

Held, that *Ann*, *Elizabeth*, *Edward*, *John*, *Mary* and *Sarah* took only an estate for life in the land bought of *Burton*: for that there were no words of inheritance as to this; and the rest of the will supplied no inference of an intention to give more than a life estate: especially, that the clause for forfeiture of the *Stotfold* estate was by way of penalty and not of substitution for *The Meeting House*; and no intention therefore could be inferred that *The Meeting House* was given in fee like the *Stotfold* estate: nor, therefore, could any such inference be made as to the land bought of *Burton*.

Assizes, 1848, a verdict passed for the plaintiff, subject to the opinion of the Court on the following case.

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By indentures, bearing date 23d *October* 1780, one *James Burton*, being then seised in fee simple of the lands in question amongst others, demised the same to one *Edward Payne*, for a term of 500 years, by way of mortgage for securing 120*l.* and interest; which term became absolute by the non-payment of the mortgage money at the time appointed.

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By indentures of lease and release, bearing date respectively 19th and 20th *September*, 1783, and made between the said *James Burton* of the one part, and one *John Payne* of the other part, the said lands were duly conveyed to the said *John Payne* in fee: and, by an indenture of same date with the said release, the residue of the above mentioned term of 500 years was duly assigned by the executrixes of the said *Edward Payne*, then deceased, to one *John Brown*, a trustee named and appointed by the said *John Payne*, in trust for the said *John Payne*, and to attend the inheritance.

On 11th *July* 1791, the said *John Payne*, who continued in possession of the said lands under the said conveyance until and at the time of his death, duly made and published his last will and testament in writing, attested as was necessary for the passing of real estates: of which said will the following is a copy.

"This is the last will and testament of me, *John Payne*, of *Stotfold*, in the county of *Bedford*, farmer and maltster. Having surrendered, or intended to surrender, all that part of my estates as are copyhold, to the use of my will, I give unto my son *Edward Payne*, and to his heirs and assigns for ever, all my estate lying and being in the parish of *Norton* in the county of *Hertford*;

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upon condition of his paying 8*l.* a year amongst all my daughters, *Ann, Elizabeth, Mary* and *Sarah Payne*, or to the heirs of their body, share and share alike: but, if there should be but one daughter living, or the heir of but one, that is but one left alive as has a right to it, then he is to pay that daughter or the heir of her body but 4*l.* a year: this sum of money to be paid to my daughters, or their heirs and assigns, for ever, to do as they please with it when they arrive to the age of twenty one years. I give unto my son *John Payne* *The Plow* at *Stotfold*, in the occupation of *William Kitchener*, with the *Swade*, closes thereunto belonging, and the seven acres of plowed land thereunto belonging, and a slip of swade as I bought of *James Burton* adjoining, being about two rood and a half, and the close adjoining there, called *Jermin's Close*, being about one acre and thirty poles, and the three acres of plowed land which I bought of Mr. *James Ind* and others, those all lying in the parish of *Stotfold*. I likewise give my son *John Payne* all that eighteen acres and two roods of land lying in *Willian* and *Crothall* field, and one acre of leasehold in *Willian* field. I give the above to him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, upon condition of his paying my daughters *Ann, Elizabeth, Mary* and *Sarah Payne* the sum of 12*l.* a year, or the heirs of their body, share and share alike, that is, the heir of a daughter to have the mother's share if the mother is not living; but, if in case there is but one daughter alive, nor the heir of but one daughter, then he is to pay that daughter, or the heir of her body, but 6*l.* a year. I give this in the same manner as the other, to do as they please with it when they arrive at the age of twenty one years: this money to be received

by me trustees, till each of them come of age, toward helping bring them up. My will is for all the estates to be made clear to my sons; all fines and every other charge attending them out of my personal estate; so that they may enter on them clear of all charge besides what is mentioned to pay out to my daughters, their heirs or assigns. I give unto my daughter *Ann Payne* that cottage on *The Green* in occupation of *James Howard*. I give unto my daughter *Sarah Payne* my cottage in *Frogland* in the occupation of *Thomas Mantle Weavour*. Those to be made clear out of my personal estate, all fines and other expences, the same as my other estates as I give to my sons, to enter on them quite clear of all expenses whatsoever. I give unto my son *Edward Payne* 500*l.* with the money as is coming to him out of *Kirley* and *Bentley* estates: then the rent is not to be demanded, as it is counted to make up the 500*l.* I give unto my son *John Payne* 500*l.* I give unto my daughters *Ann*, *Elizabeth*, *Mary* and *Sarah Payne* the sum of 300*l.* a piece, each daughter to receive the sum of 300*l.* when they arrive at the age of twenty one years, to be paid by me trustees, their heirs or assigns. I give unto my son *John Payne* *The Meeting House*, other houses, swade, and appurtenances, if it is not made freehold, to save the expense of so many fines. But my will is for *John* to let *Edward*, *Ann*, *Elizabeth*, *Mary* and *Sarah* have equal shares with him, the same as if it was freehold and gave amongst them. I give all the land I bought of *Mr. Burton*, ploughed land, being twelve or thirteen acres or thereabouts, to *Ann*, *Elizabeth*, *Edward*, *John*, *Mary* and *Sarah Payne*, as likewise *The Meeting House* and appurtenances, if it made free, share and share equally amongst them. If

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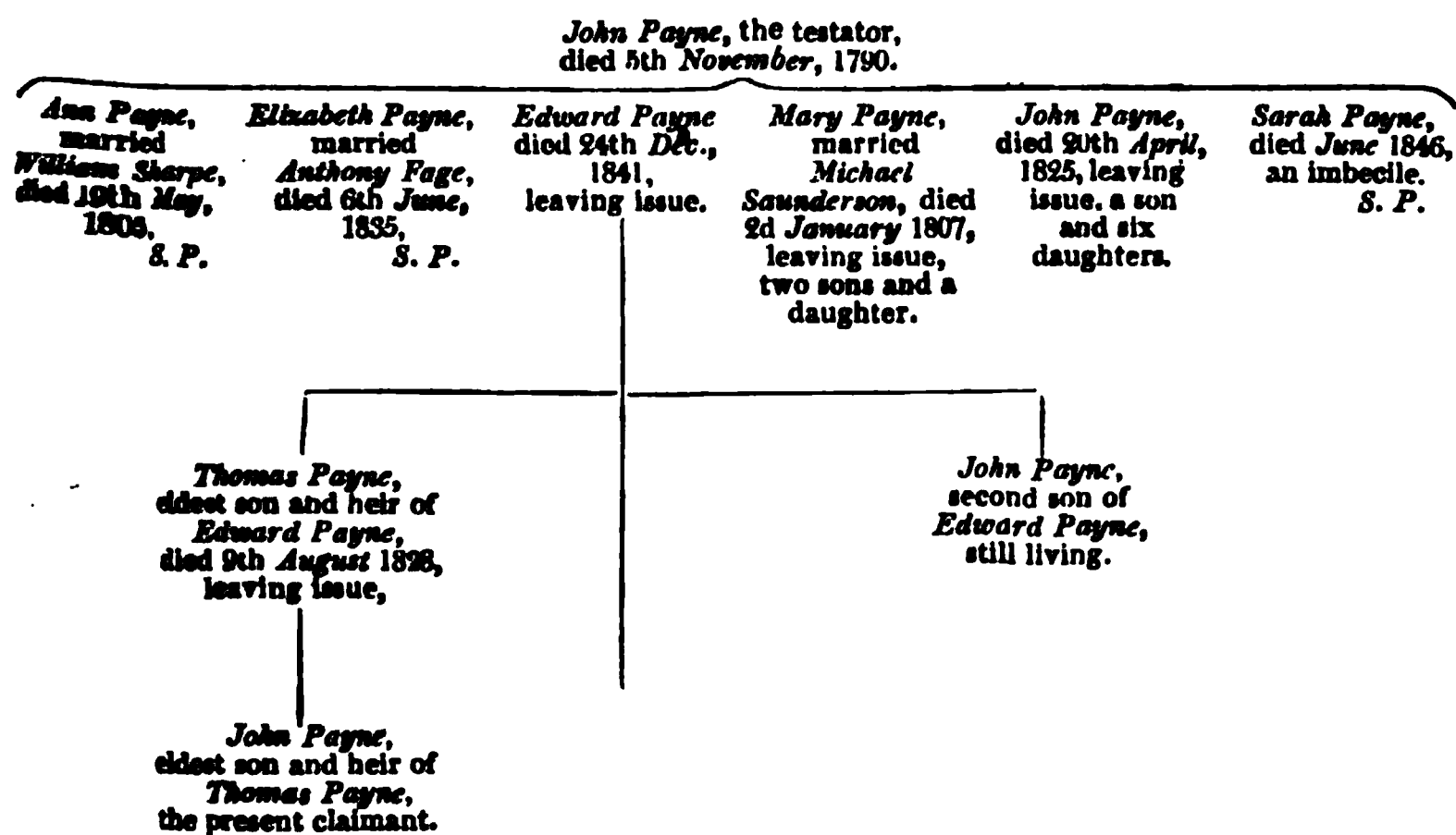
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Payne, and 3*l*. a year to *Mary Payne*, and 2*l*. a year
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was given them above. 'Tis my will for my childr
to live together, and keep this farm on at *Stotfold*, and
decline all malting business, except they are a mind
to make a very few at *Stotfold*: and the boys not to r
ceive their fortune till twenty five years of age. 'T
my will that none of my children buy any black clothe
for mourning; whichever doth buy any mourning, to
have 50*l*. less money on that account. As to scarfe
and gloves, do as they please, and give bread as usual,
and bury me by my wife on that side next *Church*
Close. And if you set a grave stone, let it be without
verse. When all my just debts are paid, and funeral
expenses, all goings out and comings in kept to one
account; and when the youngest is come of age, as
they have all received their fortune, if there is any
thing over, to be paid amongst them, so as the share of
a son is twice the share of a daughter, to be shared
equally in that manner, the boys to have as much more
as the girls a piece. 'Tis my will that my brother-in-
law *William Nightingale* of *Farlane* in the parish of
Stevenage, Hertfordshire, should be in trust to see to
my children; and whatever expense he is at to be paid

out of my personal estate. I do appoint *Anne Payne*, *Elizabeth Payne*, *John Payne* and *Edward Payne*, joint executors of this my last will and testament; revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made; and do declare this to be my last will and testament.”

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The said *John Payne* was, at the time of making his will and at his death, the owner of the several houses, land and premises in the said will mentioned, as therein described; and died in 1791, without having altered or revoked his said will, and leaving him surviving the said six children in the said will mentioned. The following table correctly sets out the state of his family, and their posterity, with the dates of their births, marriages, and deaths, so far as is necessary for the purposes of this case.



By indentures of lease and release, bearing date respectively 5th and 6th November, 1829, and made between the said *Edward Payne*, the eldest son of the testator *John Payne*, of the one part, and one *Henricus Octavius Roe* of the other part, and after reciting a

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certain mortgage bearing date the 29th *September* 1820 and a certain other mortgage bearing date 29th *September* 1825, it was witnessed that the last mentioned *Edward Payne* did (in common form) convey to the said *Henricus Octavius Roe* the said premises, consisting of twelve acres, or thereabouts, of open field, arable land and three roods of dole swarths, in the common meadow called *Low Meadow*, in *Stotfold*, unto the said *Henricus Octavius Roe*, his heirs and assigns, to hold to and the use of the said *Henricus Octavius Roe*, his heirs and assigns, for ever. And the said *Edward Payne* there covenanted for the title to the said premises, and against all incumbrances and claims &c., except the several estates of *Elizabeth Fage* and *Sarah Payne*, daughter of the said *John Payne*, of and in two undivided six parts of the said land and premises under the will of their said father, and except the before mentioned mortgage and further charges.

The rent in respect of two acres of the said land was regularly paid by the occupying tenant of the whole to *Elizabeth Fage*, in the said table named, until her decease in *June* 1835. And the rent in respect of two other acres was, in like manner, paid to or for the use of *Sarah Payne*, in the said table named, until her death in *June* 1846.

John Payne, the lessor of the plaintiff, is the heir at law of the said *Elizabeth Fage*, of the said *Sarah Payne*, and of the said last mentioned *Edward Payne*.

The question for the opinion of the Court is, Whether, under the circumstances, the plaintiff is entitled to recover. It is agreed that, if the Court shall be of opinion that the plaintiff is entitled to recover the verdict, judgment shall be entered for the whole or such

portion of the land sought to be recovered as the Court shall direct. Otherwise a nonsuit shall be entered.

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Either party to be at liberty to refer to the deed mentioned in the case.

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The case was argued in last *Easter* vacation (a) and in the present vacation (b).

Worlledge, for the defendant (*O'Malley*, for the plaintiff, being absent at the beginning of the argument). The daughters, *Elizabeth* and *Sarah*, through whom the lessor of the plaintiff claims, took only life estates under the will of *John Payne*. The words of the limitation to them are not distinguishable from those in *Doe dem. Norris v. Tucker* (c), where it was held that only an estate for life passed. *Silvey v. Howard* (d) is to the same effect. [*Patteson J.* referred to *Gretton v. Haward* (e).] The devisees there took by the words "heirs of her body;" and there the "real and personal estate" was devised, words which might be held to describe the devisor's interest: here the devise is of "land;" and, where the word "estate" does occur, it plainly describes the parcels devised, not the interest. On the other side, the attempt will probably be to suggest an opposite inference from other clauses of the will. It may be contended that the forfeiture clause, immediately following the limitation in question, would give the *Stotfold* estate in fee, as a substitute for the interest in *The Meeting House*, which interest must therefore itself be a fee. But this is not a sound inference:

(a) May 9th, 1849. Before *Patteson, Coleridge* and *Wightman J.*

(b) December 5th, 1849. Before *Patteson, Coleridge* and *Erle J.*

(c) 3 B. & Ad. 473.

(d) 6 A. & E. 253.

(e) 6 Taunt. 94.

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the *Stotfold* estate is taken from *John* for the purpose not of indemnifying the six devisees, but of punishing *John*. It is observable that the deviser knows the necessity of words of inheritance; for, after giving *John* the land in *Willian* and *Crothall* fields, with more words, he adds: "I give the above to him, his heirs and assigns, for ever." Shortly afterwards, cottages are given to *Anne* and *Sarah* without words of inheritance. It is enough for the defendant to establish that there is a doubt whether the fee was meant to pass; there being no words of inheritance, the ordinary rule of law will not be departed from, except upon manifest indication of intention; *Roe dem. Bowes v. Blackett (a)*. If, then, *Elizabeth* and *Sarah* took only estates for life, the lessor of the plaintiff cannot claim as their heir. It is true that he is the heir of *John Payne*, the deviser. But *Edward Payne*, the eldest son of the deviser, who had the reversion expectant upon the life estates, conveyed it away by the deeds of *November 1829*. That these deeds passed the reversion is manifest from the covenant against all incumbrances except the life estates.

Further, even if *Elizabeth* and *Sarah* took estates in fee, yet the lessor of the plaintiff, who must make out his title as their heir through *Edward Payne*, the eldest son of the deviser, and releasor in the deeds of *November 1829*, is estopped by those deeds. (The argument as to this is omitted, the point having become immaterial upon the view taken by the Court.)

Again, the legal estate is in the personal representative of *John Brown*, to whom the term of five hundred years was assigned by the deed of *September*

(a) 1 Cowp. 235. 240.

1783. It cannot be treated as a term expired, as being satisfied. (The argument upon this point also is omitted, no decision having been given upon it.)

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O'Malley, for the plaintiff. *Elizabeth* and *Sarah* took estates in fee under the devise. It is true that the words by which the thirteen acres are given would, if standing alone, confer no more than a life estate. But this will not prevent the inheritance from passing, if, on looking at the whole will, that appears to be the intention of the deviser; *Doe dem. Orpe v. Frost*(a). Now, looking at the whole will, an intention appears to pass the whole interest in the several parcels, and indeed to regulate it very minutely. Even to the carrying on of the farm at *Stotfold*, the will goes into a particular detail. It is quite inconsistent with this to suppose any intention of leaving the inheritance undisposed of. It cannot be disputed that, in the first instance, the *Stotfold* estate is given to *John Payne* in fee. But it was manifestly intended that the interest given in *The Meeting House* should be coextensive with that given in the *Stotfold* estate, inasmuch as, in one event, the latter is to take the place of the former. The thirteen acres are clearly given for the same interest as *The Meeting House*. It is argued that the *Stotfold* estate is given to the six, on the contingency, not as a substitution, but by way of forfeiture. The word "forfeit" is indeed used: but the clause is not penal; else no share in the *Stotfold* estate would, in the event, be given to *John*, whereas he is to take equally with the others. In *Green v.*

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Armsteed (a) land was devised to T. without words of inheritance; yet, because the devisor, in one event, directed land as good in value to be purchased for T., it was held that, "purchase" in common speech implying a fee, the first devise was of a fee. In *Gough v. Howarde* (b), where the Judges were equally divided, the principle was admitted by all; and several illustrations are to be found in their judgments: among others, the following (c): "a man did devise *Black-acre* to his eldest son and his heirs for his part, and *White-acre* to his younger son for his part (and omits to him and to his heirs) yet this shall be also to him and to his heirs, because the same hath dependency upon the former devise, and in the construction of this, it shall be guided by the same." It is on the same principle that, where an estate is given to A. after the death of the devisor's widow, an estate for life to the widow is implied. Here, if *The Meeting House* is not made freehold, it is given to *John*; but the six are to share it "the same as if it was freehold." It is given to *John* to save the expense of several fines. But it must be meant that, in that case, he is to take in fee: for, if he did not, the cestui que trusts would have their sixths only pur auter vie, whereas the law favours an estate for life of the owner, rather than an estate pur auter vie. Now, if *John* takes a fee in *The Meeting House* in this contingency, it is obvious that the other take an equitable inheritance; because there is a clear intention that the beneficial interests of the six should be commensurate. That principle prevailed in *Knigh v. Selby* (d). The same inference arises from the words

(a) *Hob.* 65. (5th ed.)

(c) 3 *Bulst.* 124.

(b) 3 *Bulst.* 121.

(d) 3 *M. & G.* 92.

which follow, "gave amongst them." [*Coleridge J.* I do not see why, if the lord enfranchised, he could not convey a life estate to each.] The land bought of *Reynolds* is given to *Edward* and *John Payne* without words of inheritance; yet they clearly take a fee, because they take on condition of paying an annuity to the four sisters and their heirs: the construction might be otherwise if the annuities were simply charged on the land; for then they might cease when the estate in the land ceased, and it would not be necessary to imply a fee. The cases are collected in 2 *Jarman On Wills*, 171. ch. xxiii. s. 2. (a). [*Patteson J.* At that place the devisor uses the words "all the estate as I bought."] That is a description of the parcels, not of the interests. [*Patteson J.* The truth is that he does not know the meaning of the words he uses; and he inserts nonsense of every kind.] It is argued that, because sometimes words of inheritance are used, it is to be inferred that, where such words do not appear, there is no intention to pass the inheritance. But the more natural inference is that the devisor took for granted that the inheritance passed in each case: thus, where the words of inheritance are introduced in the condition annexed to the devise of *Willian* and *Crothall* fields, there is no appearance of any belief, on the part of the devisor, that he was enlarging the interest already given. The doctrine, that the strict legal sense of the words of a will can be altered only by express declaration of intention, is no longer maintained; *Doe dem. Dacre v. Dacre* (b), *Denn dem. Bridaen v. Page* (c).

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(a) See note (1) to p. 172. of *Perkins's* edition, *Boston*, 1845.

(b) 1 *B. & P.* 250. 261.

(c) Note (a) to 1 *B. & P.* 261.; *S. C.* note (b) to *Foster v. Lord Romney*, 11 *East*, 603.

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If the sisters, *Elizabeth* and *Sarah*, took only a life estate, the lessor of the plaintiff cannot claim through them: and it must be admitted that he cannot claim the reversion, as heir to his grandfather *Edward Payne* in contravention of the deeds of *November 1829*. But if, as is contended for the lessor of the plaintiff, *Elizabeth* and *Sarah* took estates in fee, then those deeds will not prejudice the title of the lessor of the plaintiff; nor will the term conveyed to *Brown*. (The argument on these points is omitted.)

Worlledge was again heard for the defendant. In *Doe dem. Gwillim v. Gwillim* (a) there were stronger grounds than here for inferring a general intention to pass the inheritance: but, for want of words of inheritance, it was held that a life estate only passed: and stress was there laid upon a circumstance which is to be found here: that in some parts of the devise words of inheritance did appear, but not in the part in question. That the clause respecting the forfeiture of *the Stotfold* estate is in pœnam, and not for the purpose of substitution, may be inferred from the consideration, that, if *John* allowed the rest a share of *The Meeting House*, but his heir refused to do so, the clause would not take effect at all. *Green v. Armsteed* (b) applies only where one estate is clearly an equivalent for the other. In *Knight v. Selby* (c) the deviser professed to dispose of his "real estate." In *Doe dem. Orpe v. Frost* (d) the Court considered that an intention appeared to give a fee to some of a class, and thence

(a) 5 B. & Ad. 122.

(c) 3 M. & G. 93.

(b) Hob. 65. (5th ed.)

(d) 1 B. & C. 638.

inferred the same intention as to the rest of that *Queen's Bench.*
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O'Malley was heard in reply.

Cur. adv. vult.

PATTERSON J. now delivered the judgment of the Court.

The first question in this case is, what estate did the devisees of *John Payne* (the testator) take under his will. The words are "I give all the land I bought of *Mr. Burton*, ploughed land, being twelve or thirteen acres or thereabouts, to *Ann, Elizabeth, Edward, John, Mary* and *Sarah Payne*, as likewise *The Meeting House* and appurtenances, if it made free, share and share equally amongst them. If *John* refuse to let them have share of the *Meeting*, he to forfeit all his *Stotfold* estate, to be divided amongst them."

The will being in 1791, these words of themselves clearly give only life estates: there are no words of inheritance, nor any words such as "estate," "property," or any similar expressions. Neither are there to be found, throughout the will, any other words referring to, or in any way applicable to, "the land I bought of *Mr. Burton*," which is that in dispute. But there are other words in the will, as to *The Meeting House* which is contained in the disputed devise, from which it is contended, for the lessor of the plaintiff, that the testator manifestly intended to pass the fee in *The Meeting House*; and thence it is inferred that he had the same intention as to the land in dispute, and has sufficiently expressed that intention. *The Meeting House* was copyhold; and, immediately before the de-

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wise in dispute, it is devised in these words. "I give unto my son *John Payne The Meeting House*, other houses, swade and appurtenances, if it is not made freehold, to save the expense of so many fines. But my will is for *John* to let *Edward, Ann, Elizabeth, Mary* and *Sarah* have equal shares with him, the same as if it was freehold and gave amongst them." Here, again, there are no words which would pass more than life estates.

But, inasmuch as in the devise in dispute *John* is to forfeit to the others all his *Stotfold* estate if *The Meeting House* should not be made freehold and he should refuse to let them share in it, and inasmuch as the will had already given *John* the *Stotfold* estate in fee, so that the others, in the event of his incurring the forfeiture, would take the *Stotfold* estate in fee, it is argued that it must have been intended that they should take *The Meeting House* in fee in the event of his not incurring the forfeiture, and, by consequence, the land in dispute also. The case of *Green v. Armsteed* (a) was relied on for the former part of this position. That was a devise to *A.* for life, with remainder to his son *B.* (without words of inheritance); but, if *A.* should purchase for *B.* property of equal value, then *A.* was to have the fee in that devised. The Court held that *B.* took a fee in remainder, because the equivalent which *A.* had the option of purchasing for *B.* must manifestly be some property in fee, since *A.*, by such purchase, was to acquire the fee in the property devised. For the latter part of the position, *Gough v. Howarde* (b) was relied on, in which a case is

cited of a devise of *Blackacre* to one son and *his heirs*, and of *Whiteacre* to another son, omitting *his heirs*, yet it was held that the testator meant to give the same interest to both sons. The present devise is perhaps stronger than the case in *Bulstrode*, because the land in question and *The Meeting House* are both comprised in the same devise (that in dispute), and it is fairly to be inferred that the testator intended to give the same interest in both properties. Looking, however, at the whole of this will, as it affects both properties, we agree with the learned counsel for the defendant that the forfeiture of the *Stotfold* estate is not by way of equivalent for *The Meeting House*, but by way of penalty on *John*, the devisee, in the event of his disobeying the testator's expressed wish as to *The Meeting House*, and that we cannot collect from the words used either that *John* would take the fee in *The Meeting House* if it continued copyhold and he refused to let the others share in it, or that all would take the fee in it if it became freehold; much less that the testator has used words sufficient to pass the fee in the land in question.

It follows that the rule universally adopted in the absence of sufficient words of inheritance must prevail, as it did in *Doe dem. Norris v. Tucker* (a) and *Silvey v. Howard* (b); and that we must hold that the devisees took only estates for life.

This makes it unnecessary to consider the other points raised in the case. And a nonsuit must be entered.

Nonsuit entered.

(a) 3 B. & Ad. 473.

(b) 6 A. & E. 253.

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The Judges who usually sat in Banc in this Term
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PATTESON J.

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Term and Vacation, on account of ill health.

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In the Matter of the Arbitration in The QUEEN
against HARDEY, in MIDDLESEX, and The
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HURLSTONE, in last *Michaelmas* term, obtained
a rule calling upon the above named defendant to
shew cause why an attachment should not issue against
this Court by certiorari. The indictment for perjury came on for trial at Nisi prius, when,
under the advice of counsel, it was agreed that no evidence should be tendered, a verdict
of Not guilty taken on both indictments, and that all matters in difference between the
prosecutor and defendant should be referred to a barrister; the costs of the indictments,
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perjury, an-
other for con-
spiracy, were
removed into

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reference and award to be in his discretion. An order of reference, as at *Nisi prius*, in the usual form, was afterwards drawn up, and was made a rule of court. After several meetings, the defendant revoked his submission, and took steps in a Chancery suit, which was one of the matters in difference so referred. On motion to attach him for contempt, or to set aside the verdict on the indictments:

Held, that it would have been illegal to refer an indictment for perjury, or, *semble*, for conspiracy; but that the indictments were not referred, and the verdicts of acquittal, given on the ground that no evidence was produced, must

at all events stand; and there was nothing illegal in referring all matters in difference and at the same time consenting to a verdict of acquittal, unless there was a corrupt agreement to stifle a prosecution, which in the present case did not appear to be the fact.

Held, also, that the arbitrator could not be considered as appointed by an order or rule made in an action, within the first branch of stat. 3 & 4 W. 4. c. 42. s. 39., and it was doubtful whether the order of *Nisi prius* could be treated as an agreement within the second branch. *Quære*, also, whether the order of *Nisi prius* was good, there being at the time it was made no cause before the Court.

The Court, under the circumstances, discharged the rule without costs.

him for his contempt in prosecuting a suit in equity in respect of certain matters relating to the said arbitration; and for his contempt in revoking the authority of the arbitrator to proceed in the said arbitration: or why the said defendant should not pay to the prosecutor *John Horrell Triston* the costs of and occasioned by the said arbitration, or such costs as this Court should think reasonable: or why the verdict of Not Guilty entered on the indictments after mentioned should not be respectively set aside and writs of procedendo issue.

The rule was obtained on reading the after mentioned rule of Court, and on an affidavit (by *Triston* and his clerk) which stated the following, among other, facts.

Messrs. *John Horrell Triston* and *Sebastian Crespel Hardey* carried on business in *London* as solicitors, in partnership. In 1843 they dissolved the partnership, and appointed a trustee, *Edicard Taylor Dartnell*, to wind up the affairs. In *January* 1847 *Hardey* died, and, in the same month, his brother, *James Josiah Hardey*, claimed certain balances as due to him upon accounts stated between him and the firm, and filed a bill in Chancery against *Triston* and *Dartnell* for an account of the sums due to him, *J. J. Hardey*, from the firm, and for an injunction to restrain *Triston* and *Dartnell* from receiving certain moneys then due from Sir *Matthew Barrington*, or any other debts or sums due to, or other the effects of, the said

firm; and from negotiating certain bills &c.: also that the sum due from Sir *M. B.* might be paid to *J. J. Hardey*, or brought into Court &c.: that an account might be taken of the assets got in by *Dartnell*, and that the same might be applied in part payment of the debt due from the firm to *J. J. Hardey &c.*: and that *Dartnell* might be removed from the trust, and a receiver appointed. *J. J. Hardey* afterwards moved the Court of Chancery, upon several affidavits, made by him, for an injunction and appointment of a receiver, pursuant to the bill. The Court, on *May 3d*, 1847, made an order accordingly; and it was, by consent, referred to the Master to take an account. *Triston* afterwards preferred bills of indictment against *J. J. Hardey* for having conspired with the said *S. C. Hardy* to defraud *Triston* by the said alleged accounts stated and otherwise, and also for perjury in the said affidavits in the Court of Chancery. The bills were found at the Central Criminal Court, and removed into the Queen's Bench by certiorari at the instance of *J. J. Hardey*: and the indictment for perjury came on for trial before *Wightman J.*, at *Westminster*, on *27th June*, 1848, when *Triston* attended with witnesses; but it was then arranged in Court between the leading counsel for the prosecution and the defence that a verdict of Not Guilty should be entered on both indictments (the indictment for conspiracy being then about shortly to come on in *London*), and all disputes between *Triston*, *J. J. Hardey* and *Dartnell* be referred to arbitration. An order of nisi prius was drawn up accordingly as of *27th June*; but *Dartnell* refused to be party to the reference: and it was thereupon agreed between *Triston* and

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J. J. Hardey that all matters in difference between themselves only should be referred to arbitration, and that such reference should be made a rule of Court. The order of reference finally stood as follows.

“ *Middlesex*, to wit. At the sitting of Nisi prius holden at *Westminster Hall* on *Tuesday* the 27th day of *June* in the 12th year” &c., “before the Honourable Sir *W. Wightman*” &c.

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“ It is ordered by the Court, by and with the consent of the parties, their counsel and attorneys, that the jury find a verdict of Not Guilty, no evidence being offered on either side in either indictment ; subject to the award or certificate, order, arbitrament, final end and determination of *Frederick Robinson* Esquire, barrister at law, to whom these several indictments and all matters in difference between *Triston* and defendants are hereby referred, to order and determine what he shall think fit to be done by the said parties respecting the matters in dispute, so as the said arbitrator do make and publish his award or certificate in writing of and concerning the matters hereby referred” &c. (clause, as usual, for the award being made and ready for delivery) “ on or before the fourth day of *Michaelmas* term next.” Liberty to the arbitrator to enlarge the time. Also : “ That the said arbitrator shall have all the powers of certifying and otherwise of a judge at Nisi prius, and shall be at liberty to state any question for the opinion of the Court. And that at a verdict of Not guilty in the said indictment in *London* shall be entered when the said case is called on. It is also ordered” &c. : power reserved to the Court, in case of objection, “ to refer back the said

ause to the same arbitrator, the said *F. R.*, touching
 ll or any of the matters hereby referred. It is also "
 c.: power reserved to the arbitrator to examine the
 rties on oath, and to swear them and the witnesses :
 ie parties to produce before the said arbitrator all
 ch books, deeds, papers and writings in their or
 ther of their custody or power relating to the matters
 difference as he shall require. Further order: " that
 e costs of the several indictments, and the costs of
 e reference and award or certificate, shall be in
 e discretion of the said arbitrator, who shall award
 certify by whom, to whom, and in what manner
 e same shall be paid: the prosecutor not to be
 ejudiced by not having offered evidence in either
 dictment." There were also the usual clauses bind-
 ing the parties in all things to stand to, abide by, &c.
 ie award so to be made &c.; not to bring error, or
 ie the arbitrator or each other; that in case of affected
 elay the arbitrator might proceed ex parte &c.; and
 at the order might be made a rule of Court. The
 rder had the usual conclusion. " By the Court.
Thomas Denman, clerk at the sittings of Nisi prius."

Verdicts of Not guilty were taken on the indict-
 ents, no evidence being offered. Several meetings
 re held, and proceedings taken under and pending
 e reference, which the affidavit related in detail. At
 e seventh meeting, counsel for *J. J. Hardey* objected
 the arbitrator's authority on the ground that the
 der of Nisi prius was made in the matter of an
 dictment; and the said counsel ultimately, at the
 ame meeting, gave a written notice of revocation;
 he opposite party being at that time ready to proceed
 with their case before the arbitrator. The defendant
 afterwards took steps in the Chancery suit without the

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leave of this Court, or sanction of the arbitrator. The time for making an award had been duly enlarged, and was as yet unexpired; and the order of reference had been made a rule of Court (see pp. 543, 4, post), and the rule served on *J. J. Hardey*.

The deponent *Triston* denied (as far as regards his own motives and conduct) that the submission to arbitration was a corrupt agreement made in consideration of compromising the indictment for perjury; and he averred that the proceedings against *J. J. Hardey* for perjury and conspiracy were instituted *bonâ fide* and under the advice of counsel; that deponent had employed great labour and expense in preparing for trial on both indictments, and had hoped to succeed; that he never instructed counsel to make any compromise; nor had there been any offer of compromise to deponent or with his knowledge before the indictment for perjury was called on; at which time the leading counsel on each side conferred together, and the deponent's leading counsel then recommended to him that an acquittal should be taken and the matters in difference referred; and that deponent was averse to do so, but consented to it in reliance on his counsel. *Triston* also stated his belief that the Judge who presided when the reference was agreed to knew the nature of the indictment then called on.

J. J. Hardey made an affidavit in opposition to the rule, entering into the merits of the Equity suit, and alleging that the indictments were preferred to intimidate him, and deter him from following up the proceedings in Chancery (a); and that, after the finding

(a) The affidavit stated that in the indictment for conspiracy the filing of the bill in Chancery was alleged as an overt act of conspiracy to cheat and defraud *Triston* of his moneys.

of the bills, overtures for a compromise were made, as leponent believed, on behalf of *Triston*. The affidavit also contained statements intended to justify the revocation of the arbitrator's authority, and to shew that such revocation had been acquiesced in by *Triston*. These details are not material to the present report. The affidavit stated also that the order of *Nisi prius* of June 27th was made without the consent of Her Majesty's Attorney General, or any warrant from him.

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Keane now shewed cause^(a). The order of reference was invalid, as carrying out an illegal agreement to suppress a criminal prosecution; *Ward v. Lloyd* (b); and the objection, being in furtherance of the public interest, may be taken by a party to such agreement. An order of this kind could not be made by a criminal court, and is not the more regular because made in a criminal case at *Nisi prius*. [*Coleridge J.* Is the cause less a *Nisi prius* cause because the case is a criminal one? *Wightman J.* Cannot an indictment for nuisance be referred?] It has been doubted whether a criminal court could refer one. [*Wightman J.* Then you contend that the parties could not submit to such a reference. The ordering by the Court is mere form.] Consent cannot give jurisdiction. [*Wightman J.* It is the rule of Court you are objecting to, not the order of the Judge.] The rule of Court is wrongful if the Judge's order was so. [*Coleridge J.* You do not distinguish between a judge sitting at *Nisi prius* and a judge sitting for gaol delivery. The Judge

(a) Before *Patteson, Coleridge* and *Wightman Js.* The argument was not completed on this day, and was resumed on January 12th before the same Judges.

(b) 6 Man. & G. 785.

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at Nisi prius has only to try the issue.] He can
tence at once. [*Coleridge J.* He may do so under
stat. 11 *G.* 4. & 1 *W.* 4. c. 70. s. 9.; but in general
he has only to dispose of the issue, as in a civil case.
Patteson J. The order here does not refer to the
pronunciation of Guilty or Not guilty: that it could not
do. It only refers the questions out of which the
indictment arose. A verdict is taken; but the jurisdiction
of the Court is not gone, because it has not
given judgment: and the Court has still to ascertain
what its judgment shall be.] The proper course, if
any, would be, when the verdict is taken, to make the
parties enter into obligation under stat. 9 & 10
c. 15. s. 1.: but the matter of these indictments is
not a "controversy, suit or quarrel" "for which
there is no other remedy but by personal action or
suit in equity." Stat. 12 & 13 *Vict.* c. 45. s. 12.
The power of referring to arbitration, by a judge's
order, to be afterwards made a rule of Court, made
for which the remedy is by appeal to Quarter Sessions;
but the power is limited to such matters as
[*Coleridge J.* mentioned *Keir v. Leeman* (a).]
The present case is within the principle there laid
down by this Court, and affirmed by the Court of Exchequer
in effect the verdict is allowed to go for the defence
in consideration of a reference being submitted
in favour of the prosecutor. Neither is this a reference
made irrevocable by stat. 3 & 4 *W.* 4. c. 42.
The submission of an indictment is not within the
meaning of that clause; *Rex v. Bardell* (b).

(a) 6 *Q. B.* 308. Judgment affirmed in *Exch. Ch.*; *Keir v. Leeman* 19 *Q. B.* 371.

(b) 5 *A. & E.* 619.

teson J. The attachment is asked for on the ground that, supposing the revocation effectual, it is a contempt of the Court.] It was beyond the common law power of this Court to make a submission of a suit in Chancery a rule of Court; *Nichols v. Charlie* (a). (*Keane* then took many objections to the proceedings on the reference: these are omitted in the report.)

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Sir Frederick Thesiger, C. J. Foster and Hurlstone, in support of the rule. The motion for an attachment in this case is made on the suggestion of Vice Chancellor *Wigram* (b). The first objection to the motion seems to be that it is illegal to refer an indictment at all. In fact, no criminal matter was referred here. The verdict of acquittal put an end to the indictments. But, supposing that the Judge at *Nisi prius* had referred indictments, this would not be beyond his authority. In many cases it would be improper; but in others it may be the best and most fitting course. [*Coleridge* J. The defendant may always consent to a verdict of Guilty. Why should he not be allowed to refer the question, whether there shall or shall not be a verdict of Guilty? The Court has power to set aside a verdict taken at *Nisi prius* in a criminal case, as well as in a civil one. A reference on an indictment for a nuisance has been sanctioned (c). I do not therefore see any objection in principle to referring an indictment: that is, in cases where the subject matter of the indictment is itself fit to be referred.] The point does not arise here, as in fact the indictments were terminated, and the Judge referred the other matters.

(a) 14 *Vesey*, 265.

(b) See *Hardey v. Dartnell*, 13 *Jurist*, 727.

(c) See *Regina v. Dobson*, 6 *Q. B.* 637. :

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Then it is objected that a reference made in connection with a verdict in a criminal matter is necessarily legal. There can be no doubt that, whenever there is a corrupt agreement to stifle a prosecution, all things whether references or agreements, founded on that corrupt consideration, are void. *Collins v. Blantyre* lays down the rule; and numerous authorities are collected in Mr. *Smith's* note upon that case (b). But the whole depends on the question of fact, whether it was corrupt; *Ward v. Lloyd* (c). In this case there is no pretence for saying that there was any corrupt agreement to stifle the prosecution. It appears from the affidavits that the prosecutor reluctantly consented to tender no evidence, in deference to his counsel: that the argument on the other side must be that it is always illegal to withdraw from a prosecution. But the counsel in a criminal case are to some extent exercising a judicial function: and, if they are convinced that the cause must end in an acquittal, and that tendering evidence they should waste the public time and hurt the interests of the parties without any result, they ought to refuse to proceed.

Then it is said that the order of reference is made within either stat. 9 & 10 W. 3. c. 15., or stat. 3 & 4 W. 4. c. 42. s. 39., and, consequently, that it is irrevocable. Supposing it to be so, the revocation would not the less be a contempt of Court. But it never has been determined that, when a cause and all matters in difference are referred, the reference is entirely under the common law power of the Court. It would seem that this, so far as regards the cause

(a) 2 Wils. 341.

(b) 1 *Smith's L. C.* 168.

(c) 6 M. & G. 785.

is a reference by the common law power of the Court, and, so far as regards the matters in difference, is an agreement to refer. Such seems to have been the opinion of Lord *Eldon* in *Nichols v. Chalie* (a). And the agreement between the parties to refer the matters in difference cannot be the less binding because sanctioned by the order of *Nisi prius*, even if that sanction is in itself inoperative. [*Wightman* J. But is not the agreement to refer all matters in difference a parol submission? Now a parol submission cannot be made a rule of Court under stat. 9 & 10 *W.* 3. c. 15.; *Ansell v. Evans* (b).] The order is in writing; and the statute does not require that it should be signed by the parties. At all events, the submission being sanctioned by the order of *Nisi prius*, and made a rule of this Court, it was a contempt to revoke it. [*Wightman* J. The indictments were terminated by the verdict, so that when the submission was made nothing was pending at *Nisi prius* or in this Court. Is there any case in which the parties have by parol made a submission under the sanction of a Court in which no matter was then pending?] That objection might have been taken in *Hayward v. Phillips* (c) [*Cole-ridge* J. There the order was whilst the cause was pending; and a verdict was directed, though the arbitrator had not authority to alter that verdict.] Mere submission before a judge is sufficient to bind the parties; *Harrison v. Wright* (d). Besides, the costs of the indictments were referred; and that was a matter still in the Court.

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(a) 14 *Vesey*, 265.

(c) 6 *A. & E.* 119.

(b) 7 *T. R.* 1.

(d) 13 *M. & W.* 816.

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The part of the rule which seeks to set aside the verdict cannot be supported, and is abandoned.

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PATTESON J., in the ensuing vacation (*February 26th*), delivered the judgment of the Court.

This was a motion for an attachment for revoking submission to arbitration under an order of *Nisi prius* afterwards made a rule of Court, and for costs; or to set aside a verdict of Not guilty taken at the trial, and issue a writ of procedendo.

There were two indictments: one for conspiracy; the other for perjury. The prosecutor and a brother of the defendant had been partners; but their partnership was dissolved in 1843; and proceedings took place in Chancery, which led to the indictments. At the trial, in *June*, 1848, a verdict of Not guilty was taken by consent; and, by an order of *Nisi prius*, the several indictments and all matters in difference between *Triston* (the prosecutor) and the defendant were referred to an arbitrator; but no power was given to him to alter the verdict. After various attendances, the defendant, on the 30th *June*, 1849, revoked the submission. The latter part of this rule certainly cannot be maintained. The verdict of Not guilty was right; for no evidence was offered; and, whatever were the reasons for its not being offered, the Court cannot interfere with it. That verdict standing, as it must, it is plain that the indictments were not in truth referred by the order of *Nisi prius*, although the order professes to refer them; for they were at an end by the verdict.

It is said that the costs were referred: and, certainly, in the order it is stated that the costs of the indictments

should be in the discretion of the arbitrator. Now, whatever power might be given over the costs, supposing the order to be good, it is plain that, if the arbitrator gave them to the prosecutor, they could not be enforced under the indictments while the verdict of Not guilty remains, and must be enforced under the award when made, and under that alone: so that in truth the reference of the costs cannot be treated as an actual reference of the indictments: and, as they were not referred, there is nothing illegal in the reference, unless it was made upon a corrupt agreement to stifle the prosecutions; for which objection there is no ground whatever upon the present occasion.

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We think it quite clear that the indictment for perjury could not legally be referred: and we do not mean to lay down as law that the indictment for conspiracy could, though such reference did take place in *Rex v. Bardell* (a), in which case no objection was taken on that ground, and in which case the jury were discharged. The rule is correctly stated by Gibbs C. J., in *Baker v. Townshend* (b): "Where a party injured has a remedy by action as well as by indictment, nothing can deter such party from referring the adjustment of the reparation which he is to receive to arbitration, although a criminal prosecution might have been commenced." It should also be added "with leave of the Court." When a verdict of Guilty is taken, and the Court suspend judgment, and allow the questions between the parties to be referred, the matter is very different; for then it is only to enable the Court the better to see what sentence and judgment ought to be

(a) 5 A. & E. 619.

(b) 1 B. Moore, 120. 124.; S. C. 7 Taunt. 422.

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given. However, as we have already said, the indictments in this case not being referred, there is no illegality in the reference.

What then was referred? All matters in difference between the parties, those matters not being the subject of any proceedings in the Court. The instrument of reference must be treated either as an order of *Nisi prius*, or as an agreement under the statute 9 & 10 W. 3. c. 15. If it be treated as an order of *Nisi prius*, it may be doubted whether it is valid; for it embraces nothing which was before the Court, or the subject of any proceeding in it, except the costs, on which we have already observed. Assuming, however, that it was valid, still the defendant was entitled at common law to revoke the submission; and, as the order was certainly not made *in an action*, this power of revocation is not taken away by stat. 3 & 4 W. 4. c. 42. s. 39., as was decided in *Rex v. Bardell (a)*. The revocation would therefore be valid; and the only question will be, whether the defendant ought to be attached for contempt of Court in revoking the submission after it was made a rule of Court. If the instrument be treated as an agreement under stat. 9 & 10 W. 3. c. 15., then the statute 3 & 4 W. 4. c. 42., does apply, and, the revocation being wholly void and inoperative, the present rule would be quite unnecessary.

The instrument in question has none of the formalities of an agreement under the statute; it is not signed by the parties or their attorneys; it is not witnessed by any one; it is in the ordinary form of an order of *Nisi prius*; it has been treated as such, being made a rule of

(a) 5 A. & E. 619.

Court without any affidavit by a witness to its execution, and on the mere reading of it, as an order of *Nisi prius*. On the argument, indeed, it was said that every order of *Nisi prius*, when a cause and all matters in difference are referred, has a double aspect; that, as to the cause, it is an order of the Court; and, as to the matters in difference, an agreement under the statute. The point has however never been determined: all that has been determined is, that in such a case the Court will generally, in its discretion, give the same time for moving to set aside the award as if it had been a reference under the statute. We believe that, at common law before the statute, when there was a cause in Court, it might be referred by order or rule of Court, and other matters in difference, not included in the cause, might have been and were tacked on by consent; and the arbitration became binding as to them as well as the cause: but, whether that be so or not, we do not feel justified in saying that this instrument, on the face of it an order of *Nisi prius*, can be construed to be a submission or reference within the second clause of stat. 3 & 4 *W. 4. c. 42. s. 39.*, so as to render it irrevocable.

Several technical objections, as to the enlargement of the time, and other matters, were taken on the argument; and facts were relied on, as disclosed by the affidavits, to shew that the defendant had good ground for revoking the submission; which facts were explained and answered by the other side: but we do not think it necessary to enter further into those matters.

Entertaining, as we do, considerable doubt whether the order of *Nisi prius* was good, because there was nothing before the Court to be referred; at the same

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time recollecting the case of *Harries v. Thomas* (a), where a reference took place at nisi prius of all matters in difference, at the same time that the cause itself was determined by withdrawing a juror, and on subsequent motions no objection was taken as to the goodness of the order of nisi prius; and considering all the circumstances of this case; we do not think that it is one in which we ought to treat the revocation by the defendant as a contempt of the Court.

The present rule, therefore, must be discharged, without costs.

Rule discharged without costs (b).

(a) 2 M. & W. 32.

(b) The latter part of this case is reported by C. Blackburn, Esq. - See the next Case.

The following case, decided in *Michaelmas* term, 1850, may conveniently be added here.

[Nov. 21st,
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The QUEEN, on the Prosecution of The Rev. HUMPHREY SANDFORD, against ROBERT BAUGH BLAKEMORE, Esquire.

Indictment for non-repair of a public highway, alleging liability *ratione tenuræ*. The

record (removed into Q. B.) was made up for trial: but, before a jury was impanelled, the prosecutor and defendant agreed upon leaving the question of liability to reference; and they did accordingly, by agreement of reference, submit all matters in difference relative to the subject matter of the indictment to a barrister, who was to have the same powers in all respects as the Judge of assize at Nisi prius would have had upon the trial; and a verdict was to be entered according to the result of such award, on the application of either party. It was agreed that the submission should and might be made a rule of Court, if the Court should so please.

Held: that the agreement was illegal, as referring an indictment to arbitration; and, an award having been made, the Court refused, on motion, to order payment of costs in pur-

BRAMWELL, in this term, obtained a rule calling on the defendant to shew cause why he should not be ordered to pay to the prosecutor 79*l.* 4*s.* 9*d.* for

costs, pursuant to the award, rule of Court and allocatur, after mentioned. The following facts appeared on affidavit.

At the *Shropshire October Sessions*, 1849, a bill was found against the defendant for non-repair of a public highway, which he, as it was alleged, ought to have repaired *ratione tenuræ*. The indictment was removed by certiorari, and the record made up for trial at the *Shrewsbury Spring assizes*, 1850; but the record was not entered for trial, nor was a jury impanelled, in consequence of the prosecutor and defendant "having determined upon leaving the question of liability of repair of the portions of the highways indicted to reference." The reference was agreed upon and entered into without leave of the Court or the Judge of assize, or consent of the Attorney General.

The agreement of reference began: "In the Queen's Bench. The Queen, on the prosecution" &c. "Whereas the said *R. B. Blakemore* has given notice of trial at the assizes" &c. "of a certain indictment" &c. "for non-repair of two portions of a certain highway situate in the parish of *St. Chad*, in the county of *Salop*: Now, for the purpose of putting an end to the said trial, and for divers other causes them thereunto moving, it is hereby mutually agreed between the said *H. Sandford* and *R. B. Blakemore* that all matters in difference in relation to the subject matter of the said indictment shall be referred to the award, order and arbitrament of *Uvedale Corbett*, of" &c., "barrister at law, so as he shall make" &c.: award to be made on or before 1st *July* then next: all necessary steps to be taken for respiting the recognizances, with consent (which was given) of the prosecutor: no advantage to be taken by either party from

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suance of the award, though the submission had been made a rule of Court according to the agreement.
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The matter in difference was not legally a subject of reference, the question as to liability being of public concern.

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the record not being entered and trial proceeded with at the present assizes: notice of trial to be considered as countermanded by defendant with prosecutor's consent. And it was further agreed "that each party shall deliver his brief to the other party on or before" &c., and "shall be at liberty to produce before the said arbitrator all books, deeds, papers and writings in his custody" &c.; "and that, within seven days after such delivery as aforesaid, the briefs shall be respectively returned with the observations of the opposite party, and transmitted by each party without addition or alteration to the said arbitrator: and the said arbitrator shall be at liberty to decide thereupon without requiring further evidence; or, if the said arbitrator shall require further evidence, he shall appoint a day by giving or sending notice" &c.: "and the said arbitrator shall be at liberty to call for any evidence he may deem necessary: but no evidence shall be received except such as shall be mentioned or referred to in the respective briefs, unless so called for by the said arbitrator;" witnesses to be examined upon oath; power to the arbitrator to proceed ex parte on default of appearance. "And the said arbitrator shall make such award, upon the evidence to be adduced before him, as he shall think fit, and a verdict shall be entered according to the result of such award, on the application of either party. And the said arbitrator shall have all such and the same powers, authorities and jurisdiction in all respects (so far as he lawfully can and may), whether in respect of costs or otherwise, as the Judge of assize at Nisi prius would have had upon the trial of the said indictment at the present assizes for the county of *Salop*, pursuant to the statutes in

such case made and provided." Proceedings were to be stayed till 1st *July* then next; if no award should have been then made, each of the parties to be at liberty to proceed at law or in equity: and it was agreed that this submission "shall and may be made a rule of Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench if the same Court shall so please."

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No verdict was taken on the indictment. On *June 12th*, 1850, the agreement was made a rule of Court. On *June 17th*, 1850, the arbitrator made his award: whereby, after reciting the agreement of reference, and that the parties had exchanged their briefs and sent them to the arbitrator with their observations, and with such books, papers, &c. as to them seemed meet, and that he did not require any further evidence, he awarded as follows. "I do award," &c. "that the said *R. B. Blakemore* is Guilty of the charges contained in the said indictment for the non-repair of the said two portions of the said highway therein charged; and that the said *H. Sandford* be at liberty to enter a verdict of Guilty against the said *R. B. Blakemore* thereon; and that the said *R. B. Blakemore* do, within two months from the date of this my award, put the said two portions of the said highway in the said indictment mentioned into good and proper repair. And I do further award, order and adjudge that the defence of the said *R. B. Blakemore* to the said indictment is frivolous and vexatious: and that the said *R. B. Blakemore* do pay to the said *H. Sandford* his costs incurred in and about the said indictment, except so far as may relate to the removal of the same by certiorari into the said Court of Queen's Bench; such costs to be first taxed by the proper officer."

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It was further stated, in the affidavits on behalf of *Blakemore*, that, on *July* 17th, *William Tate*, of &c., “as the attorney or agent of the said *H. Sandford*, delivered a bill of costs, entitled in this prosecution, and ‘costs of the prosecutor,’ to the agent or attorney” of *Blakemore*; which bill amounted to 97*l.* 15*s.*, and contained charges in respect of an information and summons against *Blakemore* and an order to indict him for the non-repair, and other matters relative thereto; also charges “for and in respect of the aforesaid submission and award; but no side bar or other rule was obtained to tax the said costs,” as *R. B. Blakemore* has been informed and believes. And that, before taxation of the said bill, namely on or about 22d *July*, 1850, notices, purporting to be signed by *Blakemore*’s attorney, were served on the prosecutor, his attorney and agent, stating that *Blakemore* had been advised that the submission to reference was illegal, and the award invalid, inasmuch as the indictment could not legally be a subject of reference, especially as it had been made without the sanction of a Judge of assize; and that the Court would be applied to in *Michaelmas* term to set the submission and award aside. The prosecutor’s attorney proceeded with the taxation, an agent attending before the Master on behalf of the defendant, and protesting; and the Master made his allocatur: “Allowed for costs, 79*l.* 4*s.* 9*d.*” This included costs of the reference and award. The affidavit further stated that the costs were afterwards demanded of the defendant by an attorney, son of the prosecutor, who produced a copy of the award and rule of Court, and the allocatur (but not any power of attorney from the prosecutor to demand the costs),

and who was not named on the record as the prosecutor's attorney. The Nisi prius record remained in the possession of the defendant's attorney ; but no application was made to him to deliver it up that a verdict might be entered upon it in pursuance of the award ; and no entry of a verdict or judgment appeared in the books at the Crown Office ; nor had any judgment been signed or verdict entered.

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Whateley now shewed cause. First, the order of reference professes to give an arbitrator the power of deciding on a criminal charge. The result of such a charge is matter of public concern, and cannot be referred by private agreement. This point has been considered by the Court in several late cases, the effect of which is that, although, in some cases of misdemeanour, the parties may refer so much of the subject matter as does not affect public interests, they cannot privately suppress the prosecution itself, nor make the event of it determinable by an arbitration ; nor can they legally compromise it at all without leave of the Court ; *Rex v. Bardell* (a), *Keir v. Leeman* (b) *Regina v. Hardey* (c). Further, there is no mutuality in this agreement of reference : an award of Guilty would bind the defendant ; but an award of Not guilty would be no defence to him, on an indictment by other parties than the present prosecutor ; *Rex v. Cotton* (d) : the agreement therefore was invalid ; *Biddell v. Dowse* (e), *Thorp v. Cole* (g). *Whateley* also contended : That there was no power

(a) 5 A. & E. 619.

(b) 6 Q. B. 308. Judgment affirmed in *Exch. C.* ; *Keir v. Leeman*, 9 Q. B. 371.

(c) Ante, p. 529.

(d) 3 Camp. 444.

(e) 6 B. & C. 255.

(g) 2 Cro. M. & R. 367. S. C. 5 Tyr. 1047.

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to tax costs for the prosecutor under stat. 5 & 6 W. 4. c. 50. s. 98., the indictment not having been tried; for that taxation must be preceded by a verdict: That the proper course was, for the Judge trying the cause to certify, and a side-bar rule to be taken out for costs *Regina v. Clifton (a)*, *Regina v. Pembridge (b)*: That the submission could not be considered as a reference merely of matters in dispute, within stat. 9 & 10 W. 3 c. 15., that act relating to civil disputes only, and not to matters which could be the subject of an indictment *Watson v. M'Cullum (c)*, and (an analogous decision *Rex v. Bardell (d)*): Also that the Master had at any rate exceeded his authority in giving costs of the reference and award; *Rex v. Moate (e)*: And that the costs had not been properly demanded. [Coleridge J. Is there any authority for setting aside a rule of Court, when such rule has been actually made with consent of parties? This difficulty did not exist in *Rex v. Bardell (d)* and *Keir v. Leeman (g)*. Lord Campbell C. J. If you are not precluded from your objection by the stage of the case in which it is taken, *Keir v. Leeman (g)* is a strong authority for you.]

Bramwell, contra. By the agreement in question the indictment is not referred, but only the matters in difference: therefore the judgment in *Regina v. Hardey (h)* is a direct authority here in favour of the prosecutor. (He then read the judgment, from "When a party injured" to "proceedings in the Court.")

(a) 6 T. R. 344.

(c) 8 T. R. 520.

(e) 3 B. & Ad. 237.

(h) Antè, p. 529.

(b) 3 Q. B. 901.

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[*Coleridge J.* There the verdict stood, whatever the award might be on the matters referred.] Here the agreement does not empower the arbitrator to direct a verdict. [*Lord Campbell C. J.* It is that "a verdict shall be entered according to the result of such award, on the application of either party."] The Court will construe the instrument so as to make it legal; the meaning is, that a verdict shall be so entered if the Court think fit. [*Wightman J.* In *Regina v. Hardey* (a) the indictment was at end. Can you say here that, in effect, the indictment is not referred? *Coleridge J.* There a civil dispute was depending: but the parties had commenced criminally; and the criminal proceeding was determined.] It is true that the indictment might now be gone on with, and the public has an interest in the prosecution: but the matter referred is such as might lawfully have been submitted to arbitration, though there had been no indictment. [*Lord Campbell C. J.* Would an action have lain on this agreement?] It would. [*Lord Campbell C. J.* How do you get over the case of *Keir v. Leeman* (b)?] There the indictment was in express terms compromised. [*Lord Campbell C. J.* Here the agreement is that a verdict "shall be entered" according to the award. *Erle J.* Your present motion assumes that the verdict has been so entered.] If the matter in dispute might lawfully be referred, the addition of the clause for entering a verdict does not make the agreement illegal. (*Bramwell* was not heard on the other points.)

LORD CAMPBELL C. J. I am sorry to say that I feel this objection to be conclusive. The opposition is

(a) *Ante*, p. 529.

(b) 6 Q. B. 308.; 9 Q. B. 371.

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ungracious, as the parties submitted to the reference in good faith. But the agreement clearly refers to the indictment as well as the subject matter: and, therefore, according to *Keir v. Leeman* (a), it is an agreement which could not be proceeded upon by action, and the Court will not interfere summarily to enforce it. If we apply the criterion, whether the subject matter of the litigation is one for which the party injured has a remedy by action as well as by indictment (b), we find that the matter was not the subject of a civil action, the question being whether the defendant was liable *ratione tenuræ* to repair a public road.

COLERIDGE J. concurred.

WIGHTMAN J. I am of the same opinion. The only important question is, whether the indictment itself was referred, and not the subject matter.

ERLE J. concurred.

Rule discharged.

(a) 6 Q. B. 308.; 9 Q. B. 371.

(b) *Baker v. Townshend*, 1 B. Moore, 120. 124. S. C. 7 Tawnt. 45.

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A plaintiff suing in formâ pauperis and obtaining a verdict is entitled to have judgment signed without payment of fees, though the verdict be for more than 5*l*.

IN this case the plaintiff, who sued in formâ pauperis, obtained, on the trial before Lord Denman, a verdict for 50*l*., subject to a bill of exceptions ordered by the defendant. The Master, as the plaintiff had obtained a verdict, refused to sign judgment, and the plaintiff paid the usual fee of 8*s*. The plaintiff made an affidavit that she had not 8*s*. in the world.

Carter now moved for a rule calling on the Master to sign judgment without payment of the fee. The Master has no personal interest in the matter, as the fees now go to the Consolidated Fund; and he will, no doubt, obey at once whatever direction the Court gives. It seems, in general, that, where the plaintiff sues in formâ pauperis and recovers more than 5*l.*, the fees are paid, and ultimately recovered from the defendant; and, when the attorney chooses to advance the money, there can be no objection to his doing so. But the attorney may not choose to advance the fees; or the plaintiff may sue in person; and, if, as in the present case, the pauper has not the means to pay the money, what is to be done? The express words of stat. 11 *H.* 7. c. 12. are that the poor person shall have the requisite writs, &c.: "therefore nothing paying." The notion that the payment of the fees on obtaining a verdict was not by the voluntary courtesy of the attorney, but a matter of obligation, is recognized by *Williams J.* in *James v. Harris* (a), but is discountenanced by *Parke B.* in *Gougenheim v. Lane* (b). [*Per Curiam.* The officers of this Court tell us that the practice has been uniform to exact payment of the fees after a verdict has been obtained for more than 5*l.* We will consult the other Judges, and give directions to the Master.]

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PATTESON J., on a subsequent day in the term (January 24th), delivered judgment.

(a) 7 *C. & P.* 257.

(b) 4 *Dowl. P. C.* 482. *S. C.* (not *S. P.*) 1 *M & W.* 136; *Tyr. & G.* 216.

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The question was, whether the Master was entitled to refuse to sign judgment unless the plaintiff, who sued in formâ pauperis, paid the usual fee, she having obtained a verdict for 50*l*. The usual course in such cases has been that the pauper pays the fees, and has them allowed in taxation of costs against the other party; but the question is, not whether that is a proper course, but whether the pauper can be compelled to pay the fees; and we think not. It is the right of a person suing in formâ pauperis to have judgment signed without payment. As in this case a bill of exceptions has been tendered, the plaintiff must take care how she acts on this judgment till that is disposed of; but we direct the Master to sign judgment gratis.

Direction accordingly (a).

(a) Reported by C. Blackburn, Esq.

Monday,
January 17th.

In the Matter of WILLIAM DIMES.

Habeas corpus ad subjiciendum. Return: Committal by order of the Vice-Chancellor of England, for breach of an injunction ordered by the Lord Chancellor.

SIR. *F. THESIGER*, in this term (a), moved for a habeas corpus directed to the Keeper of the Queen's prison, to bring up the body of *William Dimes* with the cause of his detention.

The case on the affidavits in support of the applica-

The order was signed *C. C.*, which, it was suggested, were the initials of "*Cottenham*, Chancellor." On motion on behalf of the prisoner for time to file affidavits, for the purpose of shewing that Lord *Cottenham* had a personal interest in the cause, and therefore, as the prisoner contended, that his injunction was void:

Held, that the Court will not grant time to file affidavits, for the purpose of disclosing matters not apparent on the return to a habeas corpus, unless the nature of the facts to be sworn to is suggested, and it appears such affidavits might be available.

And in this case liberty to file the proposed affidavits was refused, as the order of committal was that of the Vice-Chancellor, who had jurisdiction to decide whether there was proper ground for a committal, and this Court could not review such decision.

(a) January 14. Before *Pattison*, *Coleridge* and *Wightman* Js.

tion was, that Mr. *Dimes* had obtained a judgment in this Court against *The Grand Junction Canal Company* (a) in an action of ejectment, for a portion of the canal. The Company filed a bill in Chancery against Mr. *Dimes*, in the ordinary form, for an injunction to restrain him from interrupting the navigation over that part of the canal. On this bill the Vice-Chancellor of England (Sir *Launcelot Shadwell*) made an ex parte order for an injunction, which by a subsequent order he continued (b). Mr. *Dimes* appealed; and, on a rehearing, the Lord Chancellor (Lord *Cottenham*) made an order for an injunction, varying in some respects the order of the Vice-Chancellor (c). After the Lord Chancellor's order had been made, Mr. *Dimes* discovered that Lord *Cottenham* was a shareholder in *The Grand Junction Canal Company*. As soon as Mr. *Dimes* ascertained this, he took steps to have the cause in equity between him and the Company reheard before an uninterested tribunal; but without success (d). He now made affidavit to his belief that the injunction, granted by Lord *Cottenham* in a cause in which he had a personal interest, was void; and that to raise that question he had acted in breach of the injunction; for which he was committed, by an order made in Chancery and signed by the Lord Chancellor (e).

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Sir *F. Thesiger* (in support of the application) contended, that the Lord Chancellor, being a member of

(a) See *Dimes v. Grand Junction Canal Company*, 9 Q. B. 469.; *Doe dem. Dimes v. Grand Junction Canal Company*, 9 Q. B. 518. note (a).

(b) See *Grand Junction Canal Company v. Dimes*, 15 Sim. 402.

(c) *Grand Junction Canal Company v. Dimes*, 17 Law J. N.S. (Chanc.) 206.

(d) See *The Grand Junction Canal Company v. Dimes*, 12 Beav. 63.; *Same v. Same*, 2 Macn. & G. 285.

(e) See the form of the order post, p. 558.

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the Company who were plaintiffs before him, and having a direct pecuniary interest in the event of the cause, was virtually a party to the suit; his injunction therefore was absolutely void; and the commitment of Mr. *Dimes* for disobeying it illegal. It is one of the fundamental rules of justice that a man shall not be judge in his own cause; *Great Charte v. Kennington* (a). In 2 *Rolle's Abridgment*, 93, tit. *Judges* (A) pl. 11., it is said, "Si le Seigneur Chancellor fait un decree enter 2 estrangers en un chose que concern luy mesme en interest, et pur luy mesme, ceo est void pur ceo que il ne poet estre un Judge en son cause demesne:" and a case in Chancery is cited "enter Sir *J. Egerton* et le Seigneur de *Derby*, et *Kelley* resolve per le Seigneur Chancellor *Coke* et *Dodderidge*:" This is precisely in point. The case referred to by *Rolle* is reported as the *Earl of Derby's Case* (b). The principle is laid down in *Littleton*, sect. 212: "It is against reason, that wrong be done any man, that he thereof should be his own judge." "For" (says Lord *Coke* (c)) "it is a maxim in law, aliquis non debet esse judex in propria causâ. And therefore a fine levied before the bailiffs of *Salop* was reversed, because one of the bailiffs was party to the fine, quia non potest esse judex et pars." This principle has very often been acted on with respect to inferior courts. In an *Anonymous Case* (d) in *Salkeld*, it is stated by *Holt* C. J. that the mayor of *Hereford* was laid by the heels, for sitting in judgment in his own cause. The principle was acted on in *Regina v. The Cheltenham Commissioners* (e), and *Regina v. The Justices of Hertford-*

(a) 2 *Str.* 1173.

(c) *Co. Litt.* 141. a.

(e) 1 *Q. B.* 467.

(b) 12 *Rep.* 114.

(d) 1 *Salk.* 396.

share (a). There is indeed one exception, which is alluded to in *Great Charte v. Kennington* (b), and again by Lord Denman C. J. in *Carus Wilson's Case* (c): it is necessary, in some cases, that an interested party should act as judge when no one else can; under such circumstances "it becomes the unfortunate duty of a Court to act both as party and judge." But no such necessity existed in the present case. The Company, who were the plaintiffs in the equity suit, knew that the Lord Chancellor was one of them; and it was their duty to have sued in the manner provided by law in such a case. The proper course is pointed out in *Mitford on Pleading*, p. 7. 5th ed. It is to frame the bill before the Queen, and sue, exactly as if the office of Chancellor were vacant. As they did not do so, the Chancellor himself should have declined to decide. When *Dimes v. Grand Junction Canal Company* (d), which was part of this suit, came on to be argued in error in the Exchequer Chamber, Alderson B., who was one of the Judges of that Court, stated that he was a shareholder in the Company, and for that reason left the Court. This is not noticed in the report of the case. [*Wightman J.* I think this is the proper time to state that I also am a shareholder in *The Grand Junction Canal Company*: and, as my brothers *Patteson* and *Coleridge* are not, I think it better to take no part in this case. *Patteson J.* enquired whether the warrant of committal was that of the Lord Chancellor or of the Vice-Chancellor.] It is a warrant (e) signed by the Lord Chancellor, and is for a

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(a) 6 Q. B. 753.

(b) 2 Str. 1133.

(c) 7 Q. B. 984. 1015.

(d) 9 Q. B. 469.

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contempt by breach of the injunction made by the Lord Chancellor. It issued in pursuance of an order of the Vice-Chancellor; but he expressly declined to consider the question of the validity of the Lord Chancellor's order, because he was the Chancellor's deputy.

Per Curiam (a). Let a writ go. The question may be considered on the return.

The prisoner was now brought into Court; and the Keeper's return was read, stating: "that, before the coming of the Queen's writ of habeas corpus to me directed, and which is hereunto annexed, to wit on the 11th day of *January* 1850, *William Dimes* in the said writ named was brought into my custody by virtue of an order of the High Court of Chancery, bearing date the 10th day of *December* 1849, made by the Right Honourable Sir *Launcelot Shadwell*, Knight, then being Vice-Chancellor of England, and of which order the following is a copy.

' Vice-Chancellor of
England.
Mr. *Munro*
Registrar.
C. C.

Monday, the 10th day of *D*
cember, in the thirteen *1*
year of Her Majesty Que~~en~~
Victoria, 1849.

Between the Company ~~—~~
Proprietors of the *Grave*
Junction Canal, Plaintiffs
and *William Dimes* and
others, Defendants.

Whereas Mr. *Stuart*, Mr. *J. Parker* and Mr. *Bush*, of counsel for the plaintiffs, this day moved and offered divers reasons unto this Court that the defendant *Wil-*

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Wm Dimes might stand committed for a breach of the injunction issued in this cause on the 6th day of *July* 1839 in pursuance of the order of the 15th day of *June* 1838, and continued by orders dated the 26th day of *June* 1838 and the 15th day of *December* 1838, and made perpetual by the decree made in this cause on the 16th day of *November* 1846 ; and that the said defendant might be ordered to pay the costs of the application,' " &c. " ' Whereupon, and upon hearing the said writ of injunction ' " &c., " ' the affidavits ' " &c. " ' read, and what was alleged by the counsel for the plaintiffs and for the said defendant, this Court doth order that the said defendant *W. Dimes* do stand committed to the custody of the Keeper of the Queen's Prison until the further order of this Court, for his contempt in disobeying the writ of injunction issued in this cause on the 6th day of *July* 1839, in pursuance of an order of this Court dated the 15th day of *December* 1838. And it is ordered that the said defendant *W. D.* do pay to the plaintiffs their costs of this application ' " to be taxed &c. (L. S.).

" ' *C. M.* Entered. *E. R.* for *J. S.* ' "

" And this &c. "

Sir F. Thesiger, for the prisoner, applied for time to file affidavits for the purpose of bringing before the Court facts not apparent upon the return.

Sir John Jervis, Attorney General, contra. Affidavits may in some possible cases be admissible: but, as it is not every affidavit that can be used, the party who applies to the Court for delay ought to suggest what is the nature of the affidavits he proposes

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to file, that the Court may judge whether they can be available.

Sir *F. Thesiger*. As it is conceded that there may be some affidavits admissible, it follows that the prisoner is entitled to file his affidavits; when they are before the Court it may be argued that they are not such as can be used: at present it is premature to discuss that point. [*Patteson J.* If that were so, liberty to file affidavits must be granted in all cases when applied for. That might lead to much delay.] The application can be made only by the person in custody, who is the party prejudiced by delay. There is, however, no unwillingness in the present case to state the nature of the proposed affidavits. Affidavits may be used to impeach the legality of the detention by shewing extrinsic collateral facts, consistent with the truth of the return. Here the prisoner proposes affidavits to admit that the Lord Chancellor did make the order, but to shew the collateral extrinsic facts that he was an interested party, and therefore without jurisdiction. In the case *In the Matter of Clarke* (*a*) *Patteson J.* says: "There is no case in which a party has been allowed in this way directly to contradict facts set forth in an order. All that the Courts have permitted has been to allege a collateral extrinsic fact confessing and avoiding, as it were, the disputed order. And in the *Case of the Sheriff of Middlesex* (*b*) a distinction was pointed out between affidavits shewing that there was no jurisdiction to commit, which might be used, and the affidavits in that case, which merely

(a) 2 Q. B. 619. 634.

(b) 11 A. & E. 273.

went to shew that the jurisdiction had been abused. In *Carus Wilson's Case* (a) the affidavits which were refused traversed the return. These authorities all recognize the propriety of admitting affidavits to confess and avoid, as it were, the return to a writ of habeas corpus either at common law or under stat. 31 C. 2. c. 2. But, if the present writ be, as it is, within stat. 56 G. 3. c. 100., the prisoner may, by the express enactment of that statute (s. 3.), controvert even the truth of the return by affidavits; *Ex parte Beeching* (b). It is not however intended to dispute the return, but to shew want of jurisdiction. In a recent case, not reported, where the prisoner was convicted of smuggling by the justices of *Kingston upon Hull*, affidavits were used to shew that the alleged smuggling was locally beyond the jurisdiction of the convicting justices.

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Sir J. Jervis (Attorney General), contra. The question whether delay for the purpose of filing affidavits may be obtained as a matter of course is of some importance. It is not necessarily the prisoner who is prejudiced by delay. The same rule must apply in all cases: a prisoner under sentence of transportation, for instance, has a strong interest in causing delays. But in this case the point does not arise, as the nature of the proposed affidavits is stated. Assuming that the affidavits would shew that the Lord Chancellor was a shareholder in the Company, this could not avail. It is clear that this Court cannot directly review the decision of the Court of Chancery. Can it then do so indirectly, on a return to a writ of

(a) 7 Q. B. 984.

(b) 4 B. & C. 136.

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habeas corpus? In a superior Court an objection to the jurisdiction ought to be taken in the Court itself; and, if that Court overrule it improperly, the remedy is in a Court of Error, not in a coordinate Court. The proposed affidavits are to be used as the foundation of an argument that an objection in the nature of a plea to the jurisdiction of the Court of Chancery has been improperly overruled. Suppose there had been an appeal to the House of Lords on this ground, and the House of Lords had decided that there was nothing in the objection; and suppose that this writ of habeas corpus were returnable before a single Judge at Chambers: could affidavits be received there by the single Judge to enable him to decide whether the House of Lords had acted without jurisdiction? There is no distinction in principle between that and the present case. [*Patteson* — The question, whether this Court can decide that the Chancellor acted out of his jurisdiction, hardly arises yet. We are now hearing you on the point whether affidavits can be received to raise that question]. All the cases agree that such affidavits are inadmissible. In the case *In the Matter of Clarke* (Lord Denman C. J. says: “Suppose affidavits were offered to shew that the Master of the Rolls made his order elsewhere than in the place where his Court usually sits; they could not be received for the purpose of proving that what he adjudged to be the bar of his Court was not so. The adjudication of any competent authority, deciding on facts which are necessary to give it jurisdiction, is sufficient.” In the *Case of the Sheriff of Middlesex* (b) this Court in effect decided that

(a) 2 Q. B. 633.

(b) 11 A. & E. 273.

affidavits could be received to shew that the House of Commons decided against law when they adjudged the sheriff guilty of a contempt. In *Brenan's Case* (a) this Court refused to receive affidavits that the Royal Court of Jersey had no power to sentence the prisoner to transportation. Stat. 56 G. 3. c. 100., which is by sect. 1 confined to cases "where any person shall be confined or restrained of his or her liberty (otherwise than for some criminal or supposed criminal matter, and except persons imprisoned for debt or by process in any civil suit)," does not apply to such a detention as the present; *Case of the Sheriff of Middlesex* (b), *Carus Wilson's Case* (c).

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Sir *F. Kelly* claimed to be heard on the same side. (Sir *F. Thesiger*. On a preliminary point it is never the practice to hear more than one counsel.) [*Patterson J.* We need not consider whether more counsel are entitled to be heard; for at present we are all of opinion that this return must be read as returning a committal by the Vice-Chancellor, and consequently that the proposed affidavits are irrelevant.]

Sir *F. Thesiger* then was called upon to support the motion. The return shews that the warrant of commitment is signed by the Lord Chancellor himself, with his initials *C. C.*, as is required by the act which creates the office of Vice-Chancellor (d). Sir *Launcelot Shadwell*, when the motion was made to commit Mr. *Dimes* (e), refused to entertain any question, on the ground that he was but an assistant to the Lord Chancellor, and had

(a) 10 Q. B. 492. See *Crauford's Case*, 13 Q. B. 613.

(b) 11 A. & E. 273.

(d) Stat. 53 G. 3. c. 24. s. 2.

(c) 7 Q. B. 984.

(e) Not reported.

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no power to vary his decrees. It is not correct to say that this Court cannot enquire whether the Chancellor acts out of his jurisdiction. If an action be brought against him, as in *Dicas v. Lord Brougham* (a), if the event of a cause between two suitors in this Court depends on the validity of one of his orders, as *Christie v. Unwin* (b), the Court must enquire into jurisdiction. In *Christie v. Unwin* (b) his order in bankruptcy was impeached for want of jurisdiction. The point that is now claimed is the opportunity to prove facts shewing a want of jurisdiction to commit. The effect of proving these facts may be considered after the proof.

PATTESON J. I cannot doubt as to the course ought to pursue. It seems to me impossible to read this return as the return of a committal by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Cottenham. The return states in distinct words that the order was made "by the Right Honourable Sir Launcelot Shadwell, Knight, then being Vice-Chancellor of England:" and a copy of the order is set out, which is headed "Vice-Chancellor of England." It is true that there are the letters "C. C." attached to the order; and it is stated that these are the initials of "Cottenham Chancellor;" and it may be that the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, whose court is a branch of the Court of Chancery, must be countersigned by the Lord Chancellor; but still I cannot read the return as stating that the order, made in the Court of the Vice-Chancellor of England, was made by Lord Cottenham. Then, reading this return as shewing a committal by order of the Vice-Chancellor of England

(a) 1 M. & Rob. 309.

(b) 11 A. & E. 373. See *Gosset v. Howard*, 10 Q. B. 411. 444,

and assuming all that it is proposed to shew by the affidavit, namely that the committal was for a breach of Lord *Cottenham's* injunction, and that he was interested; in what position are we? We are not called on to enquire whether the injunction ordered by the Chancellor is void; but whether the order of committal made by the Vice-Chancellor is valid. Now the Vice-Chancellor had authority to determine whether or not there should be a committal. He has so determined; and in doing so he has adjudged that there was a valid injunction, and a breach of it, such that for that breach the prisoner should be committed. If we entertain the question whether there was such a valid injunction, we directly review the judicial decision of the Vice-Chancellor. We can no more do this than the Court in the *Case of the Sheriff of Middlesex* (a) could review the decision of the House of Commons.

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If it had been alleged that the Vice-Chancellor himself was interested, the question would have been different; but the point before us is, not whether the injunction was valid, but whether the decision of the Vice-Chancellor as to its validity can be reviewed here. The return shews that the Vice-Chancellor heard and determined this; and, as it is a matter within his jurisdiction, his determination is final. The affidavits cannot be received.

COLERIDGE J. I am of the same opinion. Whether a writ of habeas corpus be at common law or within the provisions of stat. 56 G. 3. c. 100., it is not every affidavit that can be received on the return to the writ. Counsel, therefore, who apply for time to file affi-

(a) 11 A. & E. 273.

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affidavits, must suggest to the Court the nature of the affidavits they propose to use, that the Court may see whether they could be used: and Sir F. Thesiger has properly stated the nature of the affidavits proposed to be used in this case. I am of opinion that such affidavits are not available. He proposes, not to contradict the return, but to bring before the Court facts shewing, as he contends, a want of jurisdiction, not in the Vice-Chancellor who made the order of committal, but in the Lord Chancellor, who issued the injunction for the breach of which the committal took place. If it were conceded to him that the case was as supposed, it would now be immaterial. When the allegation was made before the Vice-Chancellor that the return was a contempt, this objection should have been taken; if it was then taken, the Vice-Chancellor then decided on it. The affidavits could but go to shew that the Vice-Chancellor came to a wrong decision, in order to lead us to review his decision, which we have no power to do. Where the judgment complained of is in an inferior Court the case is different. We have before us the judgment in which the vice is alleged to be; and we have power to quash it; but we have not, in the present case, the injunction before us. *Christie v. Unwin (a)*, which has been cited in the argument, does not bear on the present point. That was a case in which the Lord Chancellor was acting in a limited jurisdiction conferred on him by a statute; and the decision of this Court was that, when the Chancellor is acting in a capacity limited as to jurisdiction, it must be shewn that he acted within his jurisdiction. In the present case the Vice-Chancellor is acting as a superior Court.

(a) 11 A. & E. 373.

ERLE J. I agree that the proposed affidavits cannot be received. The return shews a committal by a court of competent jurisdiction acting within its jurisdiction. The attempt is to shew that that Court should not have adjudicated as it did. It has been decided by the Court of Common Pleas, and, if I am not mistaken, by the Court of Exchequer also, that the courts of common law will not sit in review of a committal by the Court of Chancery (a). It seems to me that the objection raised here might have been taken in the Court of Chancery before the Lord Chancellor, and before the Vice-Chancellor: and that both of them have decided on it. Their decision cannot be reviewed here. I may observe that an inferior Court, such as the Court of Quarter Sessions, is a court over which this Court has a controuling power, and whose proceedings are brought here by writ of certiorari, in order that we may exercise that controuling power. In that respect such a Court differs from the Court of Chancery; and in that respect cases before us, which relate to the inferior Courts, are distinguishable from this.

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Sir F. Thesiger then admitted that, if he could not bring the extraneous facts before the Court, the return was sufficient.

Prisoner remanded (a).

(a) See *Regina v. Dean & Chapter of Rochester*, Easter term (April 30th), 1851. Post. Also *Ex parte Cobbett*, 5 Com. B. 418.; *In re Cobbett*, 14 M. & W. 175.

(b) Reported by C. Blackburn, Esq.

See *Dimes v. Grand Junction Canal Company*, Dom. Proc., June 26. and 29. 1852.

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The QUEEN *against* BRIER and others.

When an indictment at Sessions, under stat. 25 G. 2. c. 36., for keeping a disorderly house, has been removed by prosecutor or defendant into the Central Criminal Court under stat. 4 & 5 W. 4. c. 36. s. 16., the opposite party may remove it again into this Court, notwithstanding stat. 25 G. 2. c. 36. s. 10.

A BILL was found against the defendants at the *Middlesex Quarter Sessions, December 5th, 1849*, for keeping unlicensed rooms, called the *Argyle Rooms*, contrary to stat. 25 G. 2. c. 36. The prosecutor removed the indictment to the Central Criminal Court by certiorari under stat. 4 & 5 W. 4. c. 36. s. 16. (a): and the defendants then obtained from *Patteson J.* at chambers a certiorari to remove the case into this Court. They alleged as a ground for the application that a question would arise whether the rooms were, in point of law, kept for "public" purposes within stat. 25 G. 2. c. 36. s. 2. Sect. 10 of the same statute was not referred to.

M. Chambers now moved, on affidavit of these facts and others not material to the present report, for a *procedendo*, to remit the case to the Central Criminal Court. Stat. 25 G. 2. c. 36. s. 10. enacts that no indictment for keeping a disorderly house shall be removed by any writ of certiorari; "but such indictment shall be heard, tried and finally determined, at the same general or quarter session or assizes, where such indictment shall have been preferred (unless the Court shall think proper, upon cause shewn, to adjourn the same) any such writ or allowance thereof notwithstanding." This clause, intended to prevent delay in the suppression of public nuisances, must be read as in-

(a) See note (a) to *Sill v. The Queen*, 1 E. & B. 553.

incorporated in stat. 4 & 5 W. 4. c. 36. That act does not establish any new original jurisdiction as to offences like the present: its purpose, according to the title, is to establish "a new court" for "trial." Sect. 13 expressly forbids preferring at the Central Criminal Court any indictment for misdemeanor (except perjury or subornation), which might be found at the sessions for *Middlesex* &c., unless the prosecutor shall have been bound by recognizance to prosecute at the Central Court (a), or the defendant committed or bound over to make his trial there. Sect. 16 permits the removal of indictments from Sessions into the Central Court; but that is evidently for dispatch, the sittings of the Court being (by s. 15.) held twelve times a year. For that purpose, the Central Court is substituted for the Quarter Sessions: the statute interferes with stat. 25 G. 2. c. 36. s. 10. to promote, but not to obstruct, dispatch. If the present indictment may be removed into this Court notwithstanding the last cited clause, the rooms under prosecution may remain open for several months. There is no express decision bearing on this point; but the general rule is that acts in *pari materiâ* must have a combined operation. No instance has been found in which a second certiorari has been granted, removing a case to a third tribunal. [*Patteson* J. I can see good reasons why an indictment of this kind might be removed from Sessions to the Central Court, and again why, being there, it should be carried to this Court at the instance of the defendant. Is there any instance in which the Court has interfered on affidavit where a certiorari has already been granted to a defendant, and it is not questioned that the Court to which the removal

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takes place has jurisdiction? The Master of the Crown Office says that an application, on the merits, to supersede a certiorari once granted, has always been refused.] It is not necessary to ground this application upon the matter stated on affidavit.

PATTESON J. I do not see how it is possible to read sect. 10 of stat. 25 G. 2. c. 36. as incorporated in the Central Criminal Court Act. That act, as to the Central Court, effects a sort of repeal of the former statute; for, by sect. 16, it provides generally that all indictments found at Sessions for the cities and counties named, offences cognizable under the act, may be removed by certiorari into the Central Court. Here the indictment has been so removed, at the instance of the prosecutor. As he has chosen to remove it, and the indictment is now in that Court, it struck me, on the present application, that the defendants might deal with it as if it had been found there. I do not say whether the prosecutor could have done so; because it might be objected that he had made an election. Nor do I pronounce as to the merits of this application. There is no dispute as to jurisdiction: and, the indictment being once in the Central Court, there is an end of stat. 25 G. 2. c. 36. s. 10.; and nothing prevents removing the indictment into this Court.

COLERIDGE J. I am of the same opinion. I say nothing on the merits of the application: but no fraud is alleged; the question is merely on the authority to remove. The indictment was in the Central Court when the present certiorari was obtained; and therefore sect. 10 of stat. 25 G. 2. c. 36. does not stand in the way; that applies only to the session or assizes

where the indictment has been preferred. Once removed thence, the indictment is set quite free. It must always be remembered that the jurisdiction to remove into this Court exists unless expressly taken away.

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WIGHTMAN J. Sect. 10 of stat. 25 G. 2. c. 36. does not require that we should remit this indictment to the Central Court; and it is not contended that we can remit it to the Court where the indictment was found.

Rule refused (*a*).

(*a*) See *Regina v. Sanders*, 9 Q. B. 235.

The QUEEN against The Inhabitants of ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL. *Wednesday, January 16th.*

ON appeal (*Surrey Michaelmas Quarter Sessions, 1848*) by *The London Cemetery Company* against a rate for the relief of the poor of the parish of *St. Giles, Camberwell*, in the county of *Surrey*, by which the said Company were rated for lands, catacombs, vaults and who should manage the business and concerns of the Company (subject to their control), keep and use the common seal, have the custody of books, deeds, &c., call meetings, purchase and sell lands, appoint and displace chaplains and other officers, allow them stipends, take of them securities, make contracts touching the Company's undertaking, regulate the mode of interment and the disposition of vaults, catacombs and graves, and the sums to be paid for exclusive right of burial therein and for placing monuments &c., direct the issuing, receiving and disposal of the Company's moneys, and all their other dealings, superintend their correspondence and the keeping of their accounts, and do all other things necessary for carrying on their business and maintaining actions or suits in their name in respect of debts or contracts &c. relative to their moneys, &c., and making, enforcing and rescinding contracts &c. : Also auditors who should examine the report, to be made by the directors, of disbursements and receipts, audit the accounts from which the report was drawn, and inspect the vouchers &c.

By stat. 6 & 7
W. 4. c. cxxxvi.,
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odically to ap-
point directors,

The Company had two cemeteries, in *Middlesex* and *Surrey*. The duties and authority of the directors extended to both.

On appeal by the Company against a poor-rate on one of the cemeteries :

Held, that they were not entitled to deduct from the rateable value under the *Parochial Assessment Act*, 6 & 7 W. 4. c. 96. s. 1., the salaries of the directors and auditors, and the expenses of an office, in *London*, at which the directors transacted the Company's business.

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other buildings, used as a Cemetery, and situate at Nunhead in the said parish, on the sum of 480*L.* rateable value, the Sessions reduced that amount to 377*L.*, subject to the opinion of this Court on the following case:

The London Cemetery Company is incorporated by an act of 6 & 7 *W.* 4. (c. cxxxvi., local and personal public (a)), altered and amended by another act, 6 & 7 *Vict.* (c. xxxvi., local and personal, public (b)) both which acts were to form part of this case. By the 51st and 52d sections of the above act of 6 & 7 *W.* the Company was authorized to raise a capital 100,000*L.*, to be divided into 5000*L.* shares of 20*L.* each. And by the act of 6 & 7 *Victoria* (ss. 5., 9., 16.) it was empowered to raise, by creating new shares, a further sum of 45,000*L.*; and, upon half of the sums so authorized to be raised by the said acts being paid up, to borrow the further sum of 15,000*L.*, or to raise the same or any part thereof by creating additional shares.

The Company is governed, and its affairs are administered, by a Board of Directors (c), two au

(a) "For establishing cemeteries for the interment of the dead, northward, southward, and eastward of the metropolis, by a company called 'The London Cemetery Company.'" Sect. 1 makes them a corporation, with power "to purchase, hold, and sell lands" &c. for the purpose of the undertaking.

(b) For amending the former act.

(c) The directors were to be elected periodically. Stat. 6 & 7 *W.* 4. c. cxxxvi. s. 90. appoints certain persons as the first directors to manage the affairs of the said Company." Sect. 91 enacts: "The business and concerns of the said Company shall be carried on by the management of the directors, subject to the control, and directions of the said Company to be made at any general meeting as aforesaid, and the directors for the time being shall have the custody of the common seal of the said Company, and use the same on the behalf of the said Company, and also the books, deeds, and papers belonging to the said Company, and to call special general meetings of the said Company for all

rs, a secretary and office clerk, at an establishment
 in London for the general business of the Company, in
 addition to a superintendent, chaplain, and the neces-

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any think proper, and (subject to the provisions of this act) to appoint
 the times and places of holding general or special general meetings, and
 shall have full power and authority to do all acts whatever which the
 said Company are by this act authorized to do (except as hereinafter
 mentioned) for the management and direction of the affairs of the said
 Company, and for that purpose to purchase lands, tenements, and here-
 ditaments, for the purposes of this act, and to sell lands, tenements,
 and hereditaments hereby authorized to be sold, and to appoint and
 displace all ministers, chaplains, clerks, sextons, officers, and servants
 of the said Company, (except the Treasurer" &c.), "and to allow to
 such officers and servants such stipends, salaries, gratuities, or recom-
 pences, and take such security from them or any of them, as to the said
 directors shall seem proper, and upon the death, resignation, or re-
 moval of any of the said officers or servants from time to time to appoint
 others in their respective places, and also to make contracts and bargains
 touching the said undertaking, and to regulate the mode of interment in
 the said cemeteries respectively, and the disposition of vaults, catacombs,
 and graves, and of the sums to be paid for the purchase of the exclusive
 right of burial or interment therein, or for the right or privilege of making
 or erecting vaults and graves, and of the sums to be paid for single inter-
 ments, and for the privilege of placing monuments or tablets in the said
 chapel or chapels, or in any other part of the said cemeteries respectively,
 and shall have power to direct the issuing, receiving, and laying out, sale
 and disposal of the moneys of the said Company, and all the other dealings
 of the Company, and to superintend, direct, and control the correspondence
 and mode of keeping the accounts, and to do all other things necessary
 and deemed by them proper or expedient for carrying on the business and
 concerns of the said Company, and the bringing and maintaining any
 action or actions at law or suit or suits in equity in the name of the Com-
 pany for the recovery of any debt or debts to become due to the said
 Company in respect of any such sale or sales, or otherwise, and in making,
 enforcing, and rescinding, compounding and compromising, all contracts
 and bargains touching or in anywise concerning the same, and to enforce,
 perform, and execute all the powers, authorities, privileges, acts, and things
 in relation to the said Company, and to bind the said Company, except
 such as are hereby required to be done at some general or special meeting
 of the said Company; and the directors for the time being shall have
 power to frame rules and regulations, and to prescribe the orders and
 directions, for carrying on the business and concerns of the said Company,
 and alter and vary the same from time to time as they in their discretion

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sary servants at each of the Cemeteries belonging to the said Company.

In pursuance of the power and authority given by the above acts, the Company have purchased lands for and have established, two Cemeteries, one at *Highgate* in *Middlesex*, and the other at *Nunhead Hill* in the parish of *Camberwell* in *Surrey*; which latter is the subject of the present case. The Cemetery at *Nunhead*

shall think fit;" such rules and regulations to have the force of by-laws provided they be not repugnant to this Act, &c. ; "and that no individual proprietor not being a director (except as hereinafter provided) shall have a right to any interference, management, direction, or control in or to the business or concerns of the Company, or the capital stock or profits thereof."

By other subsequent clauses the directors are authorized to deliver certificates of shares to proprietors; to make calls; to cause proper account books to be kept by persons whom they shall appoint; to cause yearly accounts to be made up, and report the disbursements and receipts at the annual general meeting of the Company; and to perform other specified duties.

Sect. 104 prescribes the duties of the auditors, who are to be periodically elected, as follows. "That the auditors of the said Company shall examine the report of the receipts and disbursements of the Company to be prepared by the directors of the said Company previously to the holding of the annual general meetings of the said Company hereinbefore is provided, and audit the accounts from which such report shall or ought to have been drawn; and in order thereto the said auditors shall, with the assistance of the treasurer and clerks and other officers of the said Company, inspect and examine all the books, papers, and vouchers of the said Company, which they shall think necessary; and after a careful examination of such report with such books" &c., and correcting or altering the same if necessary, such auditors shall, previous to the day on which such annual general meeting is to be held at which such report must be produced, sign their names at the foot thereof in testimony of their approbation of the same: Provided always, that in case the said auditors shall in the exercise of their discretion think fitting or necessary to make any observations upon any part of the accounts of the said Company produced to them, or shall disapprove of the manner in which such accounts are kept, they shall subjoin such observations and disapprobation to the said report, and shall sign the same."

incloses fifty acres of land, for which the Company paid **15,000*l.*** The land has been ornamentally laid out, and **substantially** enclosed; and on it the Company have **built** catacombs and vaults, two chapels, one for the **service** of the Established Church, the other for the use of **Dissenters**, an entrance lodge, and a dwelling house **now** occupied by the secretary to the Company. The **total** expenditure in the purchase of the land, **inclosures**, buildings and other improvements amounted to **65,000*l.***

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The Cemetery at *Highgate* occupies twenty acres of land, which has been laid out in a similar manner to that at *Nunhead*, and also comprises catacombs, vaults, chapels, a lodge and dwelling. The total expenditure for the land, inclosures, buildings and improvements amounts to 65,000*l.*

The *Nunhead* Cemetery was first opened for use in 1843: and the balance or surplus of the revenue, after deducting all the expenses at the Cemetery, but not including any part of the expenses of management of the Company, has been in each year since that time (omitting fractions) as follows.

1843	-	-	-	-	£ 75
1844	-	-	-	-	347
1845	-	-	-	-	534
1846	-	-	-	-	462
1847	-	-	-	-	908

But, taking into account the expense of management of the Company, and dividing it equally between the two Cemeteries of *Highgate* and *Nunhead*, there was, in the year 1843, on account of the *Nunhead* Cemetery, a loss of

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In 1844 a loss of

In 1845 a profit of

In 1846 a loss of

And in 1847 a profit of

The receipt and expenditure of the Company in respect of each Cemetery, as well as for the general purposes of the Company for the year 1847, were as follows.

The case then set forth the expenditure for each Cemetery, under the heads, respectively, of wages to gatekeeper, watchman, gardener, and labourers employed in maintaining the Cemetery and roads; candles, postages &c.; parochial rates, taxes &c.; grave fees to incumbents; salaries to chaplain and superintendent of windows &c.; and the revenue, by sale of catacombs, vaults and graves, by common interments, and by interment fees and extra charges, after deducting the expenses in respect of the said catacombs, vault graves and interments: and it stated the following balances.

Highgate.					
	£	s.	d.		
Revenue, after the last-mentioned deductions	4394	8	9	} Balance, surplus beyond expenses of the Cemetery	£ 3245
Total expenses	1148	8	10		

Nunhead.					
	£	s.	d.		
Revenue, (after deductions as above)	1881	9	0	} Balance, surplus (as above)	£
Total expenses	972	10	10		

The case further stated that the general a

for Highgate, 1372l. 13s. 9d.

the Company also contains charges for the following expenses of management.

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Office expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
Salaries, Directors and Auditors - - -	210	0	0
Secretary - - -	250	0	0
Office clerk - - -	106	1	0
Rent of office, <i>Bridge Street, Blackfriars</i> -	100	0	0
Repairs, painting &c. - - -	30	0	0
Coals, gas, postage and petty expenses -	84	18	5
Advertising - - -	31	9	6
Printing and Stationery - - -	87	4	0
Law charges - - -	13	1	1
	£912	14	0

On the hearing of the appeal, the appellants contended that the proper mode of ascertaining the rateable value of the Cemetery was by estimating what a tenant could afford to pay as rent for it, he being obliged to carry on the concern in the same way as the Company are by their acts of parliament compelled to do: and that, in order to arrive at such rent, there should be deducted from the gross revenue of the *Nunhead* Cemetery (viz. 2536*l.*): 1. The local expenses included in the above account, viz. 1628*l.* (a), which would leave a balance of 908*l.* 2. Ten per cent. on 2536*l.*, the amount of the gross revenue, for tenant's profits, viz. 253*l.* 3. One half of 913*l.*, the amount of the general expenses of management, including the remuneration to the directors and auditors, as appears in the account above given, viz. 456*l.*: which sums,

	£	s.	d.
(a) Expenditure - - -	972	10	10
Deductions (ante, p. 576.) - -	654	11	10
	£1627	2	8

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being deducted, would leave 199*l.* as the rateable value of the *Nunhead* Cemetery.

The respondents contended that the profits derived to the Company were not the sole or proper test of the rateable value of the Cemetery; but the true test was an estimate of the rent at which it might reasonably be expected to let from year to year in the manner prescribed by the Parochial Assessment Act, 6 & 7 *W.* 4. c. 96. And that a fair and usual mode of ascertaining this rent was by a per centage on the outlay upon the land and improvements, making proper reductions for the repairs and maintenance of the property; an estimate upon which principle would give a much larger sum than that at which the parish have rated the Cemetery. But, if the revenue were to be considered as a proper test of the value, they contended that the Company were not entitled to deduct the general expenses of the management of the Company, any separate from the expenses of the Cemetery; as the property, for the purpose of the parochial assessment, ought to be considered as in the hands of a tenant at reasonable rent, unincumbered by the expenses of a large Joint stock company.

The Sessions held that the revenue derived by the Company from the Cemetery was the proper criterion of its rateable value: That, in ascertaining what a yearly tenant would give for the Cemetery, 10*l.* per cent. on the gross receipts was a proper allowance for the tenant's profits: That a portion of the general expenses of the management of the Company, including the payments to the directors and auditors for their services, should be deducted; and that such proportion of the total amount of the general expenses as the gross

revenue of the *Nunhead* Cemetery bore to the gross revenue of the two Cemeteries should be deducted.

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They therefore deducted from the said

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sum of - - - - - £ 908

10*l.* per cent. on the gross receipts, .

2536*l.* - - - - - £ 253

And the said proportion of the general

expenses, viz. - - - - - 278

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Leaving as the rateable value of the

Nunhead Cemetery - - - - - £ 377.

And the Sessions ordered the rate to be amended accordingly, by reducing the sum of 480*l.*, on which the Company were therein assessed, to 377*l.*; subject nevertheless to the opinion of this Court.

If the Court should be of opinion that the decision of the Sessions was correct in all the above particulars, then the order of Sessions was to be confirmed, and the rate amended accordingly. But, if the Court should be of opinion that the revenue derived by the Company was not the proper test of the rateable value of the Cemetery, or that, in estimating the rateable value by such test, the Company were not entitled to deduct any portion of the general expenses of the management of the Company, separate from the expenses of the Cemetery, or that, if any deduction should be made on that account, it should not include the allowances to the directors and auditors, then the order of Sessions was to be quashed, and the rate to be confirmed or amended in such manner as the Court of Queen's Bench might think fit to direct.

The case was now argued (*a*).

(*a*) Before *Patteson, Coleridge and Wightman* Js.

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Gurney, Bodkin and J. Clerk, in support of the order of Sessions. As to the first point raised at Sessions: the criterion of rateable value is, by stat. 6 & 7 W. 4. c. 96. s. 1., the rent at which the property might reasonably be expected to let from year to year. This cannot be estimated from the original outlay. The true question is, what a tenant could give by the year, with a prospect of reasonable profit. This view has been taken, before and since the statute, in leading cases on this subject; as *Rex v. The Trustees of the Duke of Bridgewater* (a), *Rex v. Woking* (b), in which last case the tenant's profit was deemed an essential consideration, and *Regina v. Overseers of Mile End Old Town* (c), where the Court said: "The Company contend that the division should be according to the amount of fixed capital in each district. But the rule of law, laid down by act of parliament, for ascertaining the rateable value of any subject, refers to an estimate of the rent it should yield. The outlay of capital might furnish no such criterion; since it may have been injudiciously expended, and what was costly may have become worthless by subsequent changes." In estimating the rent which a tenant would pay for *Waterloo Bridge*, the original outlay could not be taken as a test.

Secondly, the general expenses, and among them those of management, might be allowed as a deduction. The judgment of the Sessions is conclusive as to their reasonableness, unless this Court think they ought not to be allowed at all. A proportion of the outlay at the *London* office must be set against the revenue of

(a) 9 B. & C. 68.

(b) 4 A. & E. 40.

(c) 10 Q. B. 208. 218.

the *Nunhead* Cemetery. [Coleridge J. Could that be claimed in the case of a proprietor of large estates, who kept a central office for the management; like the *Bedford* office in *London*?] This is not a similar case. Here a place is necessary for the very transactions, the receiving orders and other dealings, by which the profit is made. Expenses of actually conducting the business were considered to be a proper deduction in *Regina v. The Grand Junction Railway Company* (a): and they were allowed by the parish officers, and not afterwards disallowed, in *Regina v. The Great Western Railway Company* (b). [Patteson J. It is very difficult to see how the directors' and auditors' expenses could be part of the tenant's outgoings if the property were let (c).] The answer is given by the judgment of this Court in *Regina v. The Grand Junction Railway Company* (d): "Though the supposition of a tenancy is to be made, yet what the incidents of the tenancy must be as to actual terms and allowances must be determined, for the purpose of fixing the amount of the rate, by the actual state of things; for this supposition of a tenancy is only a mode of ascertaining the existing value of the occupation to the existing occupier." Directors and auditors are necessary for carrying on this business; and their exertions and influence assist the working and increase the receipts. [Patteson J. If you suppose the property let to a tenant, directors and auditors are out of the question.] The Company's Acts do not contemplate any letting. . Regard must be had to the actual situation of

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(a) 4 Q. B. 18. 41, 42.

(b) 6 Q. B. 179. 183.

(c) See *Regina v. Overseers of Mile End Old Town*, 10 Q. B. 208. 211.

(d) 4 Q. B. 43.

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the property under stat. 6 & 7 W. 4. c. cxxxvi. By several enactments of that statute, the Company must have directors and auditors. [Wightman J. You say that under the statute there can be but one kind of tenancy, and these expenses must be incident to it.] That is so. [Patteson J. There is great difficulty in applying the criterion of value to a tenant in a case like this. Great part of the income arises from sale of catcombs: a tenant could not make profit by selling the land. Coleridge J. referred to *Regina v. St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington* (a).] There appears some anomaly in reckoning the produce from sales as part of profit. But this question is not raised in the case. [Coleridge J. Suppose there were only one Cemetery, the Nunhead, with an office in London; which would be like the case of docks with a counting house in the city.] If the office were merely for the business of the docks, its expenses would be deducted. If two thirds of the expenses were attributable to the docks, two thirds would be deducted.

Bovill and Corner, contra. First: It has been found convenient in the case of gas-pipes, and in other instances where the exact value of the occupation could not easily be ascertained, to take a per centage on the sum laid out in improving the land. The revenue, deducting expenses, would not be a correct test in a case, for instance, where 30,000*l.* had been laid out on sixty acres of ground, but in the particular year there happened to be no profit. The increased value must be considered. A branch railway yielding no profit has been held liable to rate; *Regina v. The Great Western Railway Com-*

(a) 12 A. & E. 824. See *Rex v. Altwood*, 6 B. & C. 277. 282.

pany(a). [Patteson J. According to your argument, if a person having sixty acres of land were to spend 60,000*l.* upon it in absurdities which produced nothing, he would be rateable in proportion to the outlay.] An approximation must be made. [Wightman J. You need not argue this point so much at large. Both sides agree that there is an annual value; and the difference of estimate is only the excess of 480*l.* over 377*l.*] Although there were no revenue, the property would be rateable to some amount: therefore the outlay upon it must be an element in the calculation. [Cole-ridge J. Would a tenant look at all to the original outlay? He must guide himself by the annual revenue.] That is an equally inaccurate test. Convenience is the main reason for adopting either. The question is, which is most convenient.

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Then, as to the costs of management. Expenses of direction and management were deducted in *Regina v. The Grand Junction Railway Company*(b) and *Regina v. The Great Western Railway Company*(a), but without discussion in either case. On the other hand, no such deduction appears to have been made in favour of The General Cemetery Company in *Regina v. St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington*(c). In *Regina v. Overseers of Mile-End Old Town*(d) the point was not argued. And, on principle, there is no ground for making this allowance. Every expense connected with the Cemetery itself is already deducted. The keeping of an office is an expensive mode of management which the Company

(a) 6 Q. B. 179.

(b) 4 Q. B. 18. Page 24., note (a), and p. 31., and note (a) *ibid.*, were referred to.

(c) 12 A. & E. 824. 827.

(d) 10 Q. B. 208. See p. 211.

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adopt for their convenience. The business of a colliery may be carried on at an office in or *Newcastle*, where the agency is like that of managing the estate of an ordinary landed proprietor, but the mine or the colliery is not therefore rated at a less sum for the purpose of rating. A business is not rated at less because the owner keeps the offices. And the offices in question here are not for managing the Cemetery, but for carrying on the internal affairs of the Company, including the management of shares, and other matters, which have no connection with the actual use of the land. Auditors would not place if the Company be looked upon as tenants farming at a given rent. The directors do not manage the Cemetery itself; that business is under distinct management; the directors look after their own interests and the Company, and perhaps, by so doing, increase the value of the property, as an individual landlord might: but that is not a ground for diminishing the assessment in either case. Besides, an allowance of 10 per cent. on the gross receipts is made in the "tenant's profits." Such an allowance is usually conceded even when the landlord himself occupies the land: in supposition that the person farming the land is entitled to a remuneration for his personal skill, industry, and intelligence in managing the estate. That is the position of the directors, as members of the Company, who receive here: and the Company deduct also from the profits a compensation to directors as such. The salaries they receive are in fact a part of the profits, and the Company distribute in this manner among the directors. The rateable value of the land is the same whether or not persons receiving salary as directors be man-

There is no real difficulty in supposing this property occupied by tenants. Every lay corporation may lease; 4 *Cruise's Dig.* 61. tit. 32, *Deed*, c. 5. s. 29.; and this power is also incident to the authority vested in *The London Cemetery Company* by stat. 6 & 7 *W.* 4. c. cxxvi. s. 1. "to purchase, hold and sell lands" &c. As to the sale of catacombs, the Company are not authorised by the act to sell the catacombs themselves, but "the exclusive right of burial" therein; sects. 10, 11 (a). The case, in this respect, is like *Regina v. St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington* (b). [Patteson J. The Company could not, under the act, let the privilege of granting right of burial in catacombs; but they might covenant to put their seal to their tenant's grants. Colridge J. By sect 91 the directors have the privilege of appointing a clergyman: this could not be granted to a tenant.]

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Cur. adv. vult.

PATTESON J., in the ensuing vacation (*February 26th*), delivered the judgment of the Court.

The question in this case was whether the assessment of *The London Cemetery Company* to the Poor Rate should be reduced from the sum of 480*l.* to 377*l.*, being a difference of 103*l.*

Upon the argument, much discussion took place with respect to many of the items of charge and discharge in the account upon which the assessment was founded; but ultimately the question turned upon the propriety of allowing a deduction on account of the general ex-

(a) It is not thought necessary to set out these clauses. The latter gives a form of grant.

(b) 12 *A. & E.* 824.

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penses of the Company, including payments to the directors and auditors.

It was contended, for the Company, that certain expenses were necessary to enable them to carry on their affairs as regulated by the Act of parliament, and that without those expenses the same amount of revenue would not be derivable by them from the occupation of the land. The answer, however, which was given, and to which we assent, was, that the expenses in question were quite collateral to the occupation of the land, and in fact had nothing to do with it. They were modes of expending the revenue when derived, but formed no part of the means necessary to acquire it. The payment of salaries to directors, auditors and secretary is clearly an expenditure of profits derived from the land for the general benefit and purposes of the Company as such. None of the cases cited on the part of the respondents warrant a deduction on account of such expenses; and, as we are of opinion that they ought not to be allowed, there will be judgment for the appellants that the assessment be restored to 480*l.*; the amount of the deduction which we think ought not to be allowed making more than the difference between 480*l.* and 377*l.*, the amount to which it was reduced by the order of Sessions.

Rate to be increased accordingly (a).

(a) See the next case.

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The following case was decided in *Hilary* term,
1851.

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against a rate for the relief of the poor of the *The South-*
town &c. of *Southampton*, pursuant to an act &c. (13 *ampton Dock*
G. 3. c. 50. “for better regulating the poor, and re- *Company*
against a poor
rate, and case
stated for the
opinion of this

Court, the appellants claimed deductions from the amount at which the rateable value of their property was assessed, as follows. (It is not thought necessary to state the first head).

2. For the expenses of a steam tug, alleged by them to be part of their moveable plant, but by the respondents to be independent of the dock establishment. The Company were authorized by their local Act, 6 & 7 W. 4. c. xxix., to build, purchase or hire steam tugs for the purpose of towing vessels into or out of the docks from or to *Southampton Water* &c., or any part of the *British Channel*, and to pay the expense out of the rates, rents and sums receivable under the Act. The steam tug was used for the above purpose, and was found by the case to be an useful appendage to the docks and advantageous to those frequenting them, and conducive to the general profit of the concern, though not indispensably necessary, as other steam-vessels might have been hired and employed, but with less convenience and advantage.

Held, that the deduction was allowable, the steam tug being ancillary to the dock undertaking.

3. A “personal remuneration” to directors for their trouble, expense and exercise of skill and judgment in managing the Company’s business, independently of interest (5l. per cent.) and tenant’s profit (20 per cent). The directors, sixteen in number, being proprietors of the Company, were elected periodically under the Act, and were to have the general management and controul of the business and concerns of the Company, keep and use the common seal, have the custody of books, deeds, &c., direct investments and sales, and the calling in and laying out of moneys &c., and all other the dealings of the Company, call meetings, superintend correspondence and the keeping of accounts, ascertain dividends &c.; and, by a separate clause, they were empowered to direct and employ the works and workmen, regulate the use of the docks and the amount of rates, rents, &c., to be taken, appoint and displace bankers, solicitors, officers and workmen, &c., and fix their salaries. An allowance had, in former years, been made to the directors for their services, but it had recently been waived by them, on account of the smallness of the Company’s dividends.

Held, an allowable deduction.

4. Cranes, steam engines, shears, and other heavy machinery, attached to the freehold and essential to the business, but capable of being detached as easily and with as little injury to the freehold as other fixtures put up for the purposes of the tenant’s trade and usually valued as between incoming and outgoing tenant.

Held, not an allowable deduction.

5. The income tax which a tenant would have to pay on his net profits after payment of his rent.

Held, not an allowable deduction.

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pairing the highways within the town and county of the town of *Southampton*") made, 8th *January*, 1849, by the guardians of the poor within the said town, &c. pursuant to the said act, and to another act &c. (Parliamentary assessment act, 6 & 7 *W. 4. c. 96.*), the Session ordered and adjudged :

That the said appellants are not liable to be rated for or in respect of the respective premises which are in the aforesaid rate and assessment respectively described as "*West India Company's Manufactory*," "*Ship Building Yard and Workshops*," and "*Custom House*:" and that the said rate and assessment be amended accordingly, by striking out and expunging such respective premises from the assessment made on the said appellants: and that the rate be further amended by reducing the rateable value of the premises occupied by the said appellants to 3750*l.*, and by reducing the rate on the said appellants in respect of such premises to 156*l. 5s.*; subject to the opinion of the Court of Queen's Bench on the case after set forth. And the sessions awarded &c. (costs to be paid by respondents to appellants). The case was stated as follows.

By a rate &c. (described as above), *The Southampton Dock Company* was rated in the entire sum of 407*l.* net estimated rental or rateable value, in respect of their docks and various buildings, warehouses, stores, workshops, shears, steam engines, water-works, machinery, yards and buildings belonging to the said Company. The Company appealed against this assessment at the next *April Quarter Sessions* for the town and county of *Southampton*, held *April* 1849: and the Recorder reduced the amount of the rate to 3750*l.*, with

costs to the appellants, subject to the following case for the opinion of the Court of Queen's Bench.

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The Southampton Dock Company was incorporated by stat. 6 & 7 W. 4. c. xxix. (a) amended by stats. 1 & 2 Vict. c. lxii., 6 & 7 Vict. c. lxv., and 8 & 9 Vict. c. xliii. (all local and personal, public): and, under the provisions and restrictions of these statutes (b), the Company proceeded to make the docks and premises included in the rate, and to take toll, &c., and the business of the docks is now carried on under those Acts.

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In the assessment on the Company, certain parts of the above premises, belonging to the Company, but exclusively used and occupied by other persons, were included; and as to these the Sessions adjudged that the Dock Company was not rateable in respect of them, but only for the docks and other premises occupied by the Company. The following are the particulars of the premises so used and occupied by other persons (that is to say): The Custom House with the appurtenances, leased to and in the occupation of Her Majesty's Commissioners of Customs at the rent of 500*l.* 10*s.*: A manufactory rented and occupied by *The West India Mail Packet Company* at the rent of 440*l.*: Sundry workshops in the occupation of *J. White* at the annual rent of 75*l.* All these premises, except the Custom House, are within the general outer inclosure of the Dock Company's premises. The Custom House itself is built on the land taken by the Dock Company under

(a) "For making and maintaining a dock or docks at *Southampton*."

(b) Copies of the several local acts mentioned in the case were to be referred to as part of it.

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the powers of one of the above mentioned acts; but it is without the inclosure; The Customs' Watch House is within the inclosure; and both are let at an entire rent to the Commissioners of Customs. It was proved that the Dock Company had demanded from the *West India Mail Packet Company* the poor rates due in respect of that portion of the dock premises so occupied by them: and it was contended by the respondents that the Dock Company was rateable for all the above premises; and they referred to the following clauses of stat. 13 G. 3. c. 50.

Section 25, after reciting that "divers houses" "are let out in separate apartments and distinct tenements, and other houses are let ready furnished to lodgers, and divers persons have let tenements, built on ground appurtenant to their principal dwelling, to strangers and others unable to pay" rates, or improper to be rated, "whereby the payment of the said rates" &c. "may by some of them be evaded" &c., provides "that every person, whether landlord or tenant, who shall let out his or her house in separate apartments, or ready furnished to a lodger or lodgers, or have or let any such buildings as aforesaid, shall, for the several purposes of this act, be deemed and taken to be the occupier thereof; and such landlord or landlords, tenant or tenants, or any or either of them, at the discretion of the said Guardians, may be rated or assessed accordingly, and shall be liable and subject to the payment of the sum so rated or assessed." And, by the 26th section of the same act, the goods and chattels of every person renting or occupying any such separate apartment in such house, or renting or occupying any such ready furnished or any such tenements, are liable to be distrained for payment

of the said rate; and the amount so paid or levied may be deducted out of the next rent due to the landlord.

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As to the residue of the property, in the occupation of the appellants: their revenues are derived under the provisions of their acts from tonnage dues, rates on exports and imports, warehouse and wharfage rents, payments for using graving or dry docks, and tolls paid by passengers landing or embarking at the docks. All these payments accrue either in respect of the use of the Company's premises, or for work done by the Company's servants and workmen for those who use them. The premises and business carried on in them are of such a nature that it cannot reasonably be expected that any prudent person would become a mere yearly tenant of them.

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Both parties agreed as to the principle of rating: that is to say, that the net annual receipts of the Company should be taken without allowing interest on the original outlay in forming the docks, or on subsequent loans for the enlargement or completion of them: and, after deducting therefrom interest on the capital necessary for carrying on the business of the Company, tenant's profits, taxes, and the estimated annual expenses of repairs and renovations, that the residue was the rateable value.

The difference between the parties arose on some of the items of disbursement and deduction claimed by the appellants. The following is a short statement of receipts and deductions as allowed by the Court.

The gross receipts for the year, exclusive of the	£
rent of the premises rateable separately	- 20,600
Disbursements during the same year, including	

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expenses of a Steam tug, Direction, In-			
surance, Local rates, &c.	-	-	- 10
			—
		Net receipts	£10
			—

Further deductions claimed and allowed were :

Capital necessary for carrying on the Com-			
pany's business ; — that is to say, Moveable			
Plant	-	-	- £ 6,900
Coals in store, Materials, and Cash ba-			
lance	-	-	- 8,100
		Total amount Capital	£ 15,000

On which last amount the Court allowed (under
the special circumstances of the case) 5 per
cent. interest, and 20 per cent. for tenant's
and trade profits - - - -

Estimated annual expense of repair and reno-			
vation of moveable plant	-	-	-
Estimated annual repair and renovation of fix-			
tures or fixed plant described hereafter			-
Annual repair and maintenance of the freehold			
premises occupied by the Company, exclusive			
of the above fixtures	-	-	-
		Total deductions	£
			—

Net rateable value in the hands of a tenant £
To which last amount the rate was reduced
Court.

The respondents objected to any deduction f
bursements in respect of the items of Steam-t
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As to the steam tug, for the expenses of which the Court allowed 778*l.*, it appeared that one had been and was actually in use by the Dock Company for the purposes of the docks; and the Company are empowered by the 188th section of the Dock Act (*a*) to build or provide out of the income of the Company steam tugs for the purpose of towing any vessels into or out of the docks from or to *Southampton* or any part of the *British Channel*. The steam tug offers considerable advantages to those who use the docks, and may be fairly considered as an useful appendage to them, and conducive to the general profits of the concern. It was not indispensably necessary, inasmuch as the duty might have been done by hiring other steam boats at *Southampton* for each occasion, but at less advantage and convenience both to the Company and the public using the docks. The value of such a tug is to be taken at 2500*l.*, and is included in the estimated value of the moveable plant hereinbefore mentioned. The actual receipts or earnings of it for the year are included in the above statement of the general receipts of the Company, and amounted to 616*l.*

As to direction (*b*). This was a sum of 1000*l.* here-

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(*a*) Stat. 6 & 7 W. 4. c. xxix. s. 188. enacts: "That it shall be lawful for the said Company and they are hereby authorised to build, purchase, or hire any steam tugs or steam boats for the purpose of towing any vessels or ships into or out of the said dock or docks from or to *Southampton Water* or the *River Itchen*, or any part of the *British Channel*, and to defray the expenses of building, purchasing, hiring, repairing, maintaining, and working the same out of the rates, rents, and sums hereby authorised to be received and taken.

(*b*) Stat. 6 & 7 W. 4. c. xxix. s. 67. enacts: "That the business and concerns of the said Company shall" (after their first general meeting) "be carried on under the management of sixteen directors, to be chosen from time to time from amongst the proprietors for the time being of the said Company, qualified by holding fifteen shares or upwards each, together

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tofore paid to the directors, under the Dock Act, as personal remuneration for managing the business of the Company. The dividends of the Company being small

with the director (if any) to be nominated by the Council of the borough of *Southampton*, as hereinbefore provided ; and such directors shall have the general management, direction, and superintendence and control of the business and concerns of the said Company, and the custody of the common seal of the said Company, with power to use the same on their behalf, and also the custody of the books of account, and other books, deeds, and papers, and shall have power to direct the investment, call in, and laying out, sale and disposal, of the stocks, effects, funds, moneys and securities of the Company, and all other the dealings of the Company, and to call and appoint the times and places of holding general and other meetings of the proprietors, and to superintend, direct, and control the correspondence and mode of keeping the accounts, and the ascertainment of dividends and the profits or shares, and to do all other things necessary or deemed by them proper or expedient for carrying on the business and concerns of the Company, and to enforce, perform and execute all powers, authorities, privileges, acts and things in relation to the Company, and to bind the said Company as if the same were done by the whole Corporation, except such as are hereby required to be done at some general or special meeting of the said Company ; and that directors for the time being shall have power to frame rules and regulations and prescribe the orders and directions for carrying on the business and concerns of the said Company, and alter and vary the same from time to time as they in their discretion shall think fit ; and all such rules and regulations shall have the force of by laws, provided the same be not repugnant" to this Act, &c. ; " and that no individual proprietor not being a director, except as hereinbefore provided, shall have a right to any interference, management, direction, or control in or over the business and concerns of the said Company, or the capital stock or effects thereof."

By other sections the powers and duties are specified more in detail ; and

Sect. 78 enacts : " That the said directors shall have full power and authority to direct and employ the works and workmen, and regulate the use of the said dock or docks, and the amount of the rates, rents, and sums of money to be taken and received under the authority of this Act, and also from time to time to appoint and displace the banker or bankers and the solicitor or solicitors of the said Company, and also to appoint the secretary of the said Company, and all such managers, officers, agents, clerks, collectors, workmen, and servants as the said directors shall think proper, and to allow to them respectively, and also to any director or directors authorised by any general meeting to hold any office

the directors had in fact waived and declined to receive any remuneration for the last year before the assessment. The item was allowed by the Sessions as a reasonable remuneration for the personal trouble and expense, and for the exercise of the skill and judgment, of a supposed lessee of the Company in managing the affairs of the docks, independently of the profit on capital embarked by him.

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In addition to the deductions allowed by the Court, the appellants claimed two further reductions. They contended that certain fixtures or fixed plant, consisting of cranes, steam engines, shears, derricks, dolphins and other like ponderous machinery, attached to the freehold and essential to the business of the Company, should be taken into account in estimating the rent, as fixtures for which a tenant would be required to pay on taking possession of the premises demised, and ought to be treated as personal stock in the nature of stock in trade, and part of the capital which a tenant would have to invest in the business: that, if so considered, such fixtures would diminish instead of increasing the

place, or employment under the Company as aforesaid, such salaries, gratuities, and recompences as to the said directors shall seem proper, and shall have power from time to time to delegate to them respectively, by any instrument in writing or otherwise, such powers and authorities as the said directors may deem expedient, and to vary, alter, and revoke such powers and authorities, and to grant and delegate others, whensoever and so often as the said directors may think proper, and shall have power to displace or remove any secretary, managers, officers, agents, clerks, workmen, and servants, either as occasion shall require or as the said directors in their discretion shall think fit, and also from time to time, if deemed expedient, to appoint other persons to fill vacancies in their places and situations respectively, occasioned by such displacement or removal as aforesaid, or by death, resignation, or otherwise: Provided nevertheless, that it shall not be lawful for the said directors to fix or order what remuneration shall be allowed to the directors of the said Company for their services as directors."

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rateable value of the property of the Company. The fair value of the fixtures, if purchased by an incoming tenant, would be 6450*l.*: and the Sessions find as a fact that the fixtures in question were attached to the premises, but are capable of being detached from the premises as easily and with as little injury to it as other fixtures put up for the purposes of the trade or business of the tenant, and usually valued as between incoming and outgoing tenant. If these fixtures ought to be regarded as stock in trade or personal stock, then the appellants are entitled to the same deduction in respect of interest and tenant's profits as on the sum of 15,000*l.* above mentioned.

The appellants further claimed to deduct 155*l.* per annum for income tax; and they claimed this reduction not in respect of the amount of tax actually paid by them as owners of the premises, but in respect of the estimated profit or income of the supposed tenant of the Dock Company; contending that the tax would operate to diminish the rent which the tenant would agree to pay. The Sessions held that the tax, being on the net income of the lessee over and above the rent paid for the premises by which his profits are earned, could not affect the rent; and disallowed the deduction. The respondents did not object to the amount of this deduction, if allowed at all; and no point was raised on the effect of the payment of the tax by the Company under Schedule (A.) of the Income Tax (a).

The points in difference between the parties, submitted to the judgment of this Court, are therefore as follows.

On the part of the respondents:

(a) 5 & 6 Vict. c. 35. s. 1., and schedule (A.).

1. That the Dock Company was properly assessed for the premises hereinbefore described as occupied by other parties.

2. That the expenses of the steam tug ought not to have been allowed.

3. That the deduction under the name of Direction ought not to have been allowed.

On the part of the appellants :

1. That the fixtures or fixed plant of the Company as above described ought to have been considered as capital or stock in trade.

2. That the Income Tax on the tenant's income or profit ought to have been deducted.

The rate, as amended by the Sessions, is to be raised or further reduced, amended, confirmed, or referred back to the Sessions, as this Court shall think fit.

The case was argued in last *Michaelmas* term (a), on a rule calling upon the prosecutors (respondents) to shew cause why the order of Sessions should not be quashed, and the rate further amended by increasing or further reducing the rateable value of the premises occupied by the appellants, and the rate in respect thereof, to such sum or sums as the Court should think fit.

M. D. Hill and *Massey* shewed cause (b). First : they admitted, as to the premises occupied by persons other than the Company, that the Custom House, being

(a) November 16th, 1850. Before Lord Campbell C. J., Coleridge, Wightman and Erle Js.

(b) A question was made which party ought to be first heard : and the Court ruled that, as, by the form of this rule, the respondents were called upon to shew cause, the counsel representing them should begin, though they did not support the order of Sessions.

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in the occupation, virtually, of Her Majesty, could hardly be considered as coming within stat. 13 G. 3. c. 50. s. 25. As to the other premises, they left the case to the decision of the Court without further argument; and, when counsel on the other side were heard, it was considered as abandoned.

Secondly: the Recorder was wrong in treating the steam tug as part of the Company's floating capital. The use of it is merely collateral to the dock establishment. The question is just the same as if the dock and steam tug were the property of a private individual. Such a person, holding the docks, might at the same time carry on twenty different trades; the use of a particular apparatus in these would not, by any consequent loss, affect the rating of the docks. The case expressly finds that this vessel is not essential to the business of the docks, though it is highly convenient. It might make the use of them more profitable; but so might a road, or any facility to the resort of carriers. [Lord Campbell C. J. Suppose the case of a steam tug employed on a canal.] There the canal itself, the land rated, is used by means of the steam navigation. If, indeed, the Company took a higher rate of toll at the docks in consideration of carrying by the steam tug, the case might be different; but here the "earnings" of the vessel are evidently a distinct matter. [Lord Campbell C. J. It is found to be an "useful appendage" to the docks.] That does not alter the real view of the case: the vessel may be sent to the mouth of the *British* Channel. The question is, whether or not it forms part of the dock concern. Suppose the Company employed men to haul: could they, on appeal against a rate, deduct an amount by which

the payment of such men might exceed the earnings they brought in? An analogous question arose in *Regina v. The Great Western Railway Company* (a), where the Court refused to allow deductions in respect of branch railways, unprofitable in themselves, and serving merely to augment the traffic on the main line; and it was asked in argument (p. 194.): “If the owner of a pleasure garden, to which persons were admitted for money, kept a boat to bring persons across a river to the garden, could he claim a deduction from the rate upon his garden for the expenses of the boat?” [Lord Campbell C. J. Does the Court adopt that illustration?] Another is given in the judgment (p. 206.): “If the lessee of a coal mine were to open roads through adjoining lands rented under a separate demise, in order to facilitate the access of customers to the mine and so increase its profits, the expense of such roads would certainly not be an outgoing to be allowed for by the overseers.” [Lord Campbell C. J. The road does not come into the mine, as the steam tug does into the docks.] It comes to the pit’s mouth. [Lord Campbell C. J. The surface is not rated. Suppose a crane were erected at the docks, and separate charges made for the use of it.] It would be an annexation to the realty, and rateable with the docks on the principle of *Rex v. St. Nicholas, Gloucester* (b). The steam tug is independent of the docks. Others than the Company might work it for the same purpose. [Erle J. Do you allow any kind of moveable plant to be a fair subject of deduction?] A carriage on the small railways from the dock side to the warehouses might be so, because the docks could not be worked

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(a) 6 Q. B. 179.

(b) Cald. 262.

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without it. [*Erle J.* Suppose instead of a tug there were a hawser, and the docks were so constructed that a ship could not readily enter them but by help of it the ship would have a right to expect that accommodation; and would not the implement be a part of the docks for the purpose of assessment?] It would locally belong to the premises, and so might be brought into the assessment. Questions of this kind may depend on the circumstances of each case; the difficulties which arise press upon those who introduce "moveable plant" as a subject of estimate. The use of steam tugs is not, regularly, a part of the dock business. The docks remaining the same, ten tugs might be required instead of one, if many ships were arriving at the same time. [*Lord Campbell C. J.* The rateable value would increase in proportion.] Sect. 188 enables the Company to build, purchase or hire, and to work, steam tugs, and to defray the expenses "out of the rates, rents, and sums hereby authorised to be received and taken." That must be out of the profits, after the deductions contemplated by the Parochial Assessment Act, 6 & 7 W. 4. c. 96. s. 1., have all been made. [*Erle J.* The section does not say "out of the profits." The words imply no more than a payment out of receipts. *Lord Campbell C. J.* It is meant that the whole should be productive as one concern.]

Thirdly: the allowance to directors is unwarranted. It is not reasonable that a member of the Company should receive twenty per cent. for tenant's profits (in addition to interest), and also a recompense for direction. A tenant in the ordinary sense would carry on his affairs without such help. [*Lord Campbell C. J.* If he did hire persons to do the duties of clerks, which

these directors perform, would not he be entitled to a deduction, as for the pay of other labourers?] The business they do is that for which the tenant claims his twenty per cent. [Lord Campbell C. J. If he would be obliged to hire persons to do what is done by these directors, it would be a deduction.] The directors do not perform the office of clerks; they are the managers and rulers of the concern. On this part of the case *Regina v. St. Giles, Camberwell* (a), is in point.

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Fourthly: The appellants are not entitled to the deduction in respect of fixtures. These are not found by the case to be tenant's fixtures. They are at all events something which the tenant has annexed to the rateable property, and which makes it more valuable, and fit to command a higher rent. The rate ought not to be lowered in respect of these, but raised in proportion to the improved value; *Rex v. Lord Granville* (b), *Rex v. The Birmingham and Staffordshire Gas Light Company* (c), *Regina v. Guest* (d), *Regina v. The London and South Western Railway Company* (e). The rails on a railway are removeable; but while annexed to it they contribute to the rateable value.

Fifthly: the claim in respect of income tax is grounded, not upon any liability of the Company as owners, but upon the supposition of a tenancy, and the assumption that a tenant would give less rent for the property on account of his being liable to income tax. The argument rests entirely on a passage of the judgment in *Regina v. The Great Western Railway Com-*

(a) Antè, p. 571.

(b) 9 B. & C. 188.

(c) 6 A. & E. 634.

(d) 7 A. & E. 951.

(e) 1 Q. B. 558. 581.

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pany (a). The Court there expressed itself doubtful; and whether or not the payment of income tax had been made under circumstances applicable to the supposed tenancy in the present case, does not appear. It is an error to say generally that the income tax would operate in diminution of the rents: the tax comes out of each man's clear profits, after deduction of rent as well as the other necessary parts of his expenditure. To hold that it should make rent less would be throwing the tenant's income tax upon the landlord.

If these arguments prevail, the Court will disallow all the deductions claimed, and restore the rate to its original amount.

Greenwood, Saunders and Wise, contra. As to the second point: the Company is empowered by statute to create a property for the purposes of a dock, and, by the same Act, to provide steam tugs for the furtherance of those purposes; the expense to be defrayed out of the receipts of the dock: at least no other fund is assigned. It may, therefore, be assumed that the work by steam is not contemplated as a distinct trade: and this is the more clear as the expenses of it have exceeded 700*l.* in a year, while the receipts have been only 616*l.*, which shews that the work is profitable only as subservient to the purposes of the dock. The steam tug is, in fact, like the horses and waggons kept upon a farm, which do work there, and assist also in carrying the produce to market; but all that they do is contributory to the object of making up the rent. The case of the branch railways, alluded to on the other

side, is not analogous: they are themselves a subject of rate where they lie, and not, like the steam vessel, removable to the place where the assessment is laid. These tugs, though detached from the shore, are not, practically, different from the long ropes by which carriages are drawn from a distance on the *Blackwall* and other railways. It is true that a ship is not obliged to use them, but may wait for the two or three winds which would carry her into this dock; but, in like manner, a ship may refuse other facilities offered by the dock, which nevertheless are considered in an assessment as part of the apparatus, and come within the observation of Lord Denman C. J. in *Regina v. The Great Western Railway Company* (a), that the value of the occupation must be sought (in the case of a railway), "not by drily considering what rent would be given for so many miles of railway as happened to be in the rating parish, apart from all the actually co-existing circumstances; but by including in the consideration all such as would necessarily attend upon the occupation under the demise, and influence the tenant's mind as to the amount of rent which he would give." *Rex v. The Hull Dock Company* (b) is an authority on this as well as on other points of the present case.

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Thirdly: as to the Direction. But for the decision in *Regina v. St. Giles, Camberwell* (c), the case on this point is plain. The directors, under stat. 6 & 7 W. 4. c. xxix., sects. 67—78, have more various powers than were given in that case. The functions are, at all events, beyond the scope of an ordinary lessee. Sup-

(a) 6 Q. B. 201.

(b) 3 B. & C. 516. 528.

(c) Antè, p. 571.

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posing it possible that this property could be tenanted, the lessee could only give a general attention to the management of the affairs, and see that proper persons were engaged to do the special duties which are here entrusted to the directors. The directors do not fill the place analogous to that of a tenant: the whole Company are the tenants. [Coleridge J. Is it any thing more than a certain number of the occupiers managing for themselves and the rest? And is not the trouble repaid out of the twenty per cent.?] Supposing the number of proprietors very large; eight thousand for instance; they must either hire persons, not proprietors, at so much a year (if their Act would allow this), to do the particular duties, or employ so many of their body for that purpose, at a like remuneration which is the same thing, in a pecuniary view, as if they called in strangers. [Lord Campbell C. J. The argument is that any personal trouble of this kind taken by proprietors is recompensed by the twenty per cent.] This is a particular property, existing only by the local act; and the peculiar state of things under it must be looked to. The directors have to do every duty of management except fixing their own remuneration. The Recorder conceded the allowance, under the circumstances of the case, as a reasonable remuneration for "personal trouble and expense," and "exercise" of "skill and judgment," "independently of the profit on capital embarked." It often happens in partnerships that a partner has an increased share of profits for his personal exertion. Here the same increase is given on the twenty per cent. In *Rex v. The Oxford Canal Company* (a) it was expressly held

(a) 10 B. & C. 163. 176.

that, on the calculation of profit, "the expense of collecting the tolls" must be allowed to the tenant. It did not appear in *Regina v. St. Giles, Camberwell* (a), that the directors did anything towards the actual earning of profits on the estate assessed. That was the case of a joint stock company for carrying on business in two different places: it required a general management and superintendence not limited to one or the other cemetery. [Lord Campbell C. J. I believe that was considered in the judgment of the Court.] Here the direction is for purposes confined to the parish where the rate is laid (b).

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Fourthly: as to the fixtures, it is difficult to contend with the cases referred to on the other side; but the decisions have not been perfectly uniform, and have turned on circumstances very much differing in the respective cases. *Rex v. The Birmingham and Staffordshire Gas Light Company* (c) appears to be grounded on the opinion formed by the Court during the argument in *Regina v. Guest* (d). It is unreasonable that, in a parish where personal property is not rated, chattels brought upon the land by the tenant and removable by him should increase the rate upon such land. Upon this principle, a person who has taken a house with expensive fittings, paying for these at his entrance, must be rated from year to year at an amount much higher than his rent, the price of the fittings being taken as so much rent prepaid. In many of the earlier cases on this subject it does not appear whether or not

(a) *Antè*, p. 571.

(b) *Wise* referred here to *Regina v. Overseers of Mile End Old Town*, 10 Q. B. 208.

(c) 6 A. & E. 634. See p. 644., note (a).

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personal property was rated in the parish. [Lord *Campbell* C. J. The question of rating personal property was never suggested in these cases.] Fixtures which do not go to the landlord when the tenant removes ought not to be considered in the assessment. [Lord *Campbell* C. J. Their being removeable is often matter of contract. You would introduce a new boundary which would raise as many subtleties as the existing rule.] Fixtures of this kind may be considered as part of the "other expenses, if any, necessary to maintain" the premises "in a state to command such rent," according to stat. 6 & 7 *W. 4. c. 96. s. 1.*

Lastly: as to the income tax, the judgment of this Court in *Regina v. The Great Western Railway Company* (a) is in point. [Lord *Campbell* C. J. The tax is not a deduction, but a general charge upon the Queen's subjects who have 150*l.* a year (b).] It is an outgoing, not distinguishable in principle from the poor rate, which has been allowed as a deduction; *Rex v. The Hull Dock Company* (c), *Rex v. The Oxford Canal Company* (d). A tenant, in estimating the rent he could afford to pay, would consider the income tax upon profits: and it would make no difference to him whether the sum was payable to a parochial or a government collector.

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Lord CAMPBELL C. J., in *Hilary* term (*January 22d*), 1851, delivered the judgment of the Court.

1. The first question which arose in this case was,

(a) 6 *Q. B.* 179.

(b) See *Rex v. Adames*, 4 *B. & Ad.* 61. 68, 9.

(c) 3 *B. & C.* 516.

(d) 10 *B. & C.* 163. 173. 176.

whether the appellants were liable to be rated to the relief of the poor in respect of certain premises of which they are the owners but not the occupiers; viz. The Custom House, in the occupation of Her Majesty's Commissioners of Customs, at the rent of 500*l.* 10*s.* a year; a manufactory in the occupation of *The West India Mail Packet Company* at the rate of 440*l.* a year; and several workshops in the occupation of *J. White* at the rent of 75*l.* a year. The liability of the appellants to be rated for these premises was rested on a local act of parliament, 13 *G.* 3. *c.* 50., for regulating the poor in *Southampton*; which, to remedy the inconvenience produced by persons letting small tenements to strangers and others unable to pay rates, enacts that every person who shall let out his house in separate apartments or ready furnished to lodgers, or shall so let tenements built on ground appurtenant to his principal dwelling, shall, for the purposes of the act, be deemed the occupier thereof. We are clearly of opinion that this enactment does not apply to any of these premises, although they be all within the general outer inclosure of the Dock Company except the Custom house, which is built on land of the Company at a considerable distance. Indeed the point was not seriously pressed by the counsel for the respondents; and there is no necessity for saying more upon it.

2. But they strenuously objected to the deduction of 778*l.* from the sum on which the assessment was to be made, for the expenses of the steam tug, contending that the steam tug was entirely unconnected with, or at least collateral to, the trade of keeping the docks; that the Company carried on two trades; and that the loss upon the trade of steam tug keepers, which was

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unconnected with the property liable to be assessed, could not be allowed as a deduction from the profits of the docks. But the case finds that the Company, being empowered by their act of parliament to provide out their income steam tugs for the purpose of towing vessels into or out of the docks from or to *Southampton* or any part of the *British* channel, did employ this purpose the steam tug in question, which "offered considerable advantages to those who use the docks and may be fairly considered as an useful appendage to" the docks, "and conducive to the general profit of the concern," although "it was not indispensable necessary, inasmuch as the duty might have been done by hiring other steam boats at *Southampton* for each occasion, but at less advantage and convenience both to the Company and the public using the docks." We think that, upon this statement, the steam tug must be taken to be ancillary to the docks, and part of the floating capital used in carrying on this concern. She was sometimes employed beyond the limits of the docks but this was only with a view to the traffic carried on in unloading and loading cargoes within the docks. It was admitted that, if ropes fixed to a block in the docks had been run out far beyond the limits of the docks, and, being there fastened to ships about to enter, had been used to draw them to the wharf where they were to unload, the expense of these ropes would be a fair deduction from the profits of the concern in estimating the amount of the assessment; and the expense of the steam tug seems to us to rest upon the same principle. The account is credited with the 616*l.* earned by her; and her receipts might have exceeded her expenses, thereby augmenting the sum to be assessed.

3. We entertained considerable doubt, during the argument, respecting the 1000*l.* under the head of *Direction*, stated to be “a reasonable remuneration for the personal trouble and expense, and for the exercise of the skill and judgment, of a supposed lessee of the Company in managing the affairs of the docks, independently of the profit on capital embarked by him.” We were startled by such an allowance for what might be supposed to be done by the lessee personally, in addition to 5*l.* per cent. interest on capital, and 20*l.* per cent. for tenant’s and trade profits, although the Directors of the Company had declined to receive any remuneration for the last year before the assessment. But we have only to consider whether, in point of law, there ought to be an allowance in a concern of this sort for management, as well as a percentage for interest on capital, and tenant’s profits. The reasonable amount of these must be deemed matter of fact, which the Sessions have determined: and the question for us is the same as if the sum put down for management had been 50*l.* after an allowance of 3*l.* per cent. on capital, and 7*l.* per cent. for tenant’s profits. Now, looking to the nature of this concern, and the allowance previously received by the directors, and to which they were still entitled, we cannot say that there ought not to have been an allowance for management, which might be stated as a reasonable remuneration to the lessee of the Company in the terms used by the learned Recorder. The case of *Regina v. St. Giles, Camberwell (a)*, was strongly relied upon by the respondents: but there two concerns had been conjoined, one of which only was the

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subject of the rate; and an allowance was claimed in respect of a payment made to the Directors for managing both.

4. The fourth question arose upon a deduction claimed by the appellants, which was disallowed. They contended that their cranes, steam-engines and other like ponderous machinery, although attached to the freehold, ought to be treated as stock in trade and part of the capital which a tenant would have to invest in the business, so as to diminish instead of increasing the rateable value of the property of the Company. The Sessions did find as a fact that these fixtures, worth 6450*l.* to an incoming tenant, although attached to the freehold, are capable of being detached from the freehold as easily and with as little injury to it as other fixtures put up for the purposes of the trade of the tenant and usually valued as between incoming and outgoing tenant. But this is a rate upon buildings to which machinery is attached for the purposes of trade; and it has been solemnly decided that such real property ought to be assessed according to its existing value as combined with the machinery, without considering whether the machinery be real or personal property, or whether it be liable or not to distress or seizure under a fieri facias, or whether it would go to the heir or executor, or, at the expiration of a lease, to the landlord or tenant; *Rex v. The Birmingham and Staffordshire Gas Light Company (a)*, *Regina v. Guest (b)*. In this last case all the arguments pressed upon us to shew that such fixtures are stock in trade and not to be taken into account in a rate on the realty were urged,

(a) 6 A. & E. 634.

(b) 7 A. & E. 951.

but urged in vain. It is of the greatest importance that a rule upon such a subject, which has been laid down and acted upon, should be adhered to: and we see no reason why this rule should be now disturbed.

5. On the last point no reasonable doubt can be entertained; the appellants claiming a deduction of 155*l.* for income tax in respect of the estimated profit of the tenant to whom the docks might be let. This is not a tax upon the subject matter rated, which the tenant as such would be obliged to pay, but upon the net income of the tenant after paying the rent of the premises by which his profits are earned. The cases cited apply to local taxes which affect the subject matter rated and operate directly in diminution of the rent.

For these reasons we are of opinion that the learned Recorder of *Southampton* rightly disposed of all the questions brought before him, and that the order of Sessions should be affirmed.

Order of Sessions affirmed (a).

(a) See *Regina v. Leith*, 1 *E. & B.* 121.; *Regina v. Morrison*, 1 *E. & B.* 150. For a decision as to costs, in the case reported in the text, see 12th May, 1851, post.

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ON appeal against an order of two justices for removing *Stephen Oliver*, and his wife and child, from the parish of *Basingstoke* in *Hampshire*, to the parish of

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shewed that the pauper was a bastard born, before 1834, in a third parish, *C.*; that his mother was at the time of his birth settled in *W.*; that before her confinement the overseers of *C.* told her that she should not stay there unless a certificate from parish *W.* was obtained; that after this the overseer of *W.* took her to affiliate the child, and gave her relief whilst she remained in *C.*; and that parish *W.*, for six years, supported the pauper in *C.* after the mother had left *C.* On appeal against the order of removal, the Sessions

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stopped the case, on the ground that the examinations disclosed a *prima facie* birth settlement in C., and that no certificate from W. to C. was produced, nor any evidence given that such certificate was lost.

Held, that the conduct of the overseers of W. was evidence of an admission by that parish that there existed such a certificate as was required to settle the pauper in W.: for that an admission of the effect of a written instrument by a party to a cause supercedes the necessity of producing or accounting for such instrument, equally whether the admission be made in words, or to be inferred from acts.

Wootton St. Lawrence in the same county, the Session (28th June, 1848) quashed the order, subject to the opinion of this Court on the following case. The examinations, so far as they are material, were as follows

Harriet Sheppard said: "My maiden name was *Harriet Oliver*. The said *Stephen Oliver*, now present and last examined, is my son, and was born a bastard, in the parish of *Church Oakley*, in the county of *Southampton*, thirty years ago come November *October*. In or about the year 1815, about a month before *Old Michaelmas day*, being then an unmarried person not having child or children, I was hired by *W. Budd*, of the parish of *Wootton St. Lawrence* in the said county of *Southampton*, farmer, to serve him for a year from the then next following *Old Michaelmas day*; and under such yearly hiring I served my said master for one whole year from the last mentioned *Old Michaelmas day*, until the then next following *Old Michaelmas day*. I resided during the whole of the said service in the said parish of *Wootton St. L.*: and from the time of my said hiring until the end of my said service I continued an unmarried person, not having child or children. About two years after my said service I became pregnant with the said *Stephen Oliver*, and went to reside with my mother *Ann Oliver*, now present, in the said parish of *Church Oakley*; but, shortly before my confinement, the overseers of *Church Oakley* aforesaid came to me, and said I should not stay in their parish to be confined, and that they would have me removed to the parish of *Wootton St. L.* directly, unless the overseers of that parish granted a certificate to hold the said parish of *Church Oakley* harmless in respect of myself and my child. A certi-

ificate, as I believe, was then granted by the said parish of *Wootton St. L.* I was often told, and I always understood, that such certificate was granted. I continued to reside with my mother in the said parish of *Church Oakley*: and my said child was born there, as before mentioned. About two months after the birth of my said child, I went abroad, and left it in the care of my said mother. When it was born I received 2*l.* from Mr. *W. Budd*, one of the parish officers of *Wootton St. L.* aforesaid, as relief for myself and child: this sum was paid for us to my said mother. Before my said confinement I was taken to *Malstranger* by the said *W. Budd*, and sworn as to the father of my said child."

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The examination of *Ann Oliver* was as follows:
"I am the mother of the said *Harriet Sheppard* last examined. At the time of her confinement, as mentioned by her, she was residing with me in *Church Oakley* aforesaid; and I well remember that shortly before her confinement the parish officers of *Church Oakley* aforesaid interfered and refused to let her stay with me, or in their parish, unless she and her child were certified from the said parish of *Wootton St. L.* I believe such certificate was granted, as she was allowed afterwards to stay with me. When my said daughter was brought to bed I received 40*s.*, as relief for herself and her child, from Mr. *Budd*, the overseer of *Wootton St. L.* aforesaid: and from the time of the birth of her said child, for six years and upwards, I received from the parish officers of *Wootton St. L.* aforesaid, for the said child whilst he was residing, to the knowledge of the said parish of *Wootton St. L.*, in the parish of *Church Oakley* aforesaid, regular weekly

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relief in money, namely, the sum of 1s. 6d., per week for his maintenance and bringing up."

The grounds of appeal relied upon were:

2. That the said order and examinations do not shew that any certificate of acknowledgment, according to the statute in that case &c., that the said *H. Sheppard*, the mother, and the said *Stephen Oliver* were settled in our said parish of *Wootton St. L.*, and that she was pregnant with child of the said bastard *Stephen Oliver*, or that any legal and sufficient evidence of the said supposed certificate, was produced before the justices when the said order of removal was made, or at any other time. 4. That the said *Stephen Oliver*, his said wife *Martha*, and his said child *Mary*, are not, nor is either of them, legally settled in our said parish of *Wootton St. L.* by birth, or by certificate of acknowledgment, or by relief, or in any other way. 5. That it appears on the face of the said examinations, and is true, that the said *Stephen Oliver* was born a bastard before the 14th of *August* 1834, in the parish of *Church Oakley*, in the said county of *Southampton*. 6. That the evidence of relief alleged to have been given by our said parish of *Wootton St. L.* to the said *Harriet Sheppard* and the said *Ann Oliver*, for and on account of the said *Harriet Sheppard* and the said *Stephen Oliver* respectively, while residing in the said parish of *Church Oakley*, was improperly received and acted upon by the said removing justices, inasmuch as the said evidence was repugnant to the proof of settlement by birth of the said *Stephen Oliver* in the said parish of *Church Oakley*, as offered to and received by the said removing justices.

At the trial of the appeal, the counsel for the re-

spondents, on opening his case, was met with a preliminary objection, that the order must be quashed for the defects in the examinations pointed out in the above stated grounds of appeal. After argument, the Sessions stopped the case, and held that the examinations were insufficient on the ground contended for on behalf of the appellants: namely, that, as the examinations shewed a settlement by birth in a third parish, that was conclusive of the settlement of the pauper in that parish: and, no evidence having been given before the removing justices of a certificate from *Wootton St. L.* by the production of such certificate, nor any proof of search having been made for the same, the evidence of relief was improperly received by them. And the Sessions therefore quashed the order of removal.

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If the Court should be of opinion that the Sessions were right in quashing the order upon the ground stated, the Order of Sessions was to be confirmed; otherwise to be quashed, and the order of removal confirmed.

Crowder and *Massey*, in support of the order of Sessions. The pauper being born a bastard, before the 14th of August 1834, in the parish of *Church Oakley*, that was his birth settlement, unless, at the time of his birth, there was a certificate from his mother's parish containing all that is required by stat. 8 & 9 W. 3. c. 30., and not only acknowledging that the mother belonged to that parish, but expressly including in that acknowledgment the child of which she was pregnant; *Rex v. Ipsley (a)*, *Rex v. Wyke (b)*. There was no legal evidence of any certificate; it was only hearsay. And there

(a) *Burr. S. C.* 650.

(b) *Burr. S. C.* 264.

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was not even hearsay evidence of any contents of the certificate. The facts are very similar to those in *Rex v. Great Salkeld (a)*; there the case stated that the overseers of *Bongate* supported the bastard whilst he resided in *Great Salkeld*; yet the decision of this court was in support of the order removing him to *Great Salkeld*, the place of his birth settlement. The facts here may lead to a suspicion that there was a certificate: but, if there was one, it should have been produced before the removing justices, or evidence given of a search for it; and then some evidence should have been given that the lost certificate referred to the unborn bastard.

Poulden (with whom was *Pashley*), contra. The Quarter Sessions, in *Rex v. Great Salkeld (a)*, found as a fact that the pauper was not settled in *Bongate*. *Bayley J.* said: "If the circumstances were sufficient to raise a presumption of the pauper's settlement being in *Bongate*, it was for the Sessions, and is not for this Court, to draw that conclusion;" so that the decision there, as far as regards this point, was merely that the evidence was not conclusively binding on the Sessions. Here the Sessions have quashed the order of removal on the supposition that there was no evidence on which the removing justices could act. The facts, however, proved before them, amount to an admission, or at least evidence of an admission, of the effect of the certificate. On such an admission the Court might act; *Slatterie v. Pooley (b)*. The weight of the evidence is not material, if there was any legal evidence.

(He was then stopped by the Court.)

(a) 6 M. & S. 408.

(b) 6 M. & W. 664.

PATTESON J. *Rex v. Great Salkeld* (a) is not in point. There the pregnant mother had been improperly removed to the parish of *Lowther* from that of *Great Salkeld*. The order of removal was quashed; but during the interval the child was born in *Lowther*. The decision in that case was, that the birth, under those circumstances, was the same thing in law as if the child had been born in *Great Salkeld*. As to the rest of the case, the Court merely says that, if there was evidence that the child was settled in *Bongate* parish, the Sessions were to draw the inference, not this Court. But in the present case the Sessions have stopped the appeal, on the ground that the evidence of relief was improperly received by the removing justices. The question therefore really comes to be, whether an admission proved by acts is not as much to be received in evidence as one made in words? *Slatterie v. Pooley* (b) establishes that, if a party by words admits the contents of a written document, such an admission is legal evidence against him; not as secondary evidence of the contents of the written instrument, but as original evidence. Such an admission is like an estoppel, and, as is well put in a note (c) to the *Case of the Duchess of Kingston* (d) in Mr. Smith's *Leading Cases*, it is used, "not to supply the absence of the ordinary instruments of evidence, but to supersede the necessity of any evidence by shewing that the fact is already admitted." Now, if the evidence before the justices had been that the overseer acting for the parish of

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(a) 6 M. & S. 408.

(b) 6 M. & W. 664.

(c) 2 Smith's *Leading Cases*, 437.

(d) 20 How. St. Tr. 355.

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Wootton St. L. said “The child is settled in our parish, for before his birth we gave a certificate acknowledging that the mother and the unborn child were settled in our parish,” that would have superseded the necessity of producing or proving the certificate as against that parish. In this case, the overseer did not say so: but the facts proved are such as to make his conduct inconsistent with any other state of circumstances. The evidence of the mother *Harriet Sheppard* is that she had a settlement in *Wootton St. Lawrence*, and came to *Church Oakley*, being pregnant. The overseers of *Church Oakley* say she shall not stay unless there be a certificate granted by the overseers of *Wootton St. Lawrence*; and after that she does stay. She is taken by the overseer of *Wootton St. Lawrence* to swear who was the father. Then the child is born; and she receives relief from the same person. The rest of her evidence may be struck out as hearsay. But the grandmother carries the case much farther. She proves that, for six years during which the child resided with her in *Church Oakley*, the parish officers of *Wootton St. Lawrence* paid her regular weekly relief for his maintenance. Surely when they did that they meant to admit that there had been a certificate. There is nothing to which those acts can be referred except such an admission. That was evidence on which the justices might act: and therefore the Sessions were wrong in stopping the appeal.

COLERIDGE J. I am of the same opinion. The case states that the Quarter Sessions quashed the order of removal on the ground that the examinations are

insufficient, as they do not shew that there was proper evidence before the removing justices: and the question submitted to us is, whether they were right in so holding; so that, if the examinations contain any evidence, receivable on legal principles, on which the Court might have supported the finding of the removing justices, the order of Sessions is to be quashed. I think there was such evidence, if a party may by acts admit the contents of a document, as he may by words. In *Slatterie v. Pooley* (a) *Parke B.* says: "The reason why such parol statements are admissible, without notice to produce, or accounting for the absence of the written instrument, is, that they are not open to the same objection which belongs to parol evidence from other sources, where the written evidence might have been produced; for such evidence is excluded from the presumption of its untruth, arising from the very nature of the case, where better evidence is withheld; whereas what a party himself admits to be true, may reasonably be presumed to be so. The weight and value of such testimony is quite another question." *Slatterie v. Pooley* (a) has now become a leading case; and *Parke B.* must be understood as laying down the principle on which an admission is received in evidence. That principle is the same, whether an admission is by words or by acts. It may in some cases be difficult to prove what the admission is, when it is to be inferred from acts: and that, when it is the case, will affect the weight of the evidence. But a man may by his acts make an admission as clearly and as much in detail as he possibly could by words.

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It is not necessary for the decision of this case to consider what was the strength of the evidence before the removing justices, or to examine its details; but I think here the evidence was strong. There was no surprise. The overseers of *Wootton St. Lawrence* were well aware of the facts; and the overseers of *Church Oakley* had their attention called to the necessity of a certificate. After that, *Wootton St. Lawrence* bears the expense of the confinement: that might be explained, as the mother was settled in the parish; but that explanation will not account for the subsequent relief of the child for six years. I do not see how that is to be accounted for, except as an admission of the existence of a certificate. The Court of Quarter Sessions might not think the evidence sufficient; but they should not have stopped the case on the ground that there was no evidence before the removing justices. It may be that, if the appeal had been allowed to go on, fresh evidence would have been given, and the fact established to their satisfaction (a).

Order of Sessions quashed (b).

(a) *Wightman* and *Erle Js.* were at the Central Criminal Court.

(b) Reported by *C. Blackburn, Esq.*

Monday,
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DOE, on the demise of HOWE, *against* TAUNTON.

Reported 16 *Q. B.* 117, note (a).

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ASSUMPSIT. 1st count, on a warranty by the defendant, as vendor of goods, that he had good title to sell to the plaintiff. 2d count, for money had and received. Plea: Non assumpsit. Issue thereon.

On the trial, before *Erle J.*, at the *Middlesex* sittings after *Hilary* term 1849, it appeared that the defendant attended an auction at which the sheriff was selling goods seized under an execution, and became the highest bidder for a lot sold at 18*l*. The plaintiff's agent, who was also attending the sale, bought the defendant's bargain from him at the advanced price of 23*l*. The expressions used in making the bargain appeared to have been, that the defendant agreed "to let the plaintiff stand in his shoes for 5*l*." The plaintiff accordingly paid the defendant 23*l*.; and the defendant paid to the sheriff 18*l*., and directed him to deliver the goods to the plaintiff. The sheriff did deliver part: but, it being discovered that the goods sold were not the property of the execution debtor, he did not deliver the rest; and the plaintiff was obliged to restore to the true owner that portion which he had received. On these facts a verdict was entered for the plaintiff for 23*l*., subject to leave to move to enter a verdict for the defendant. In *Easter* Term, 1849, a rule *Nisi* was obtained accordingly.

Assumpsit by purchaser against vendor of goods, on an alleged warranty that vendor had title to sell; count for money had and received. Plea: Non assumpsit. The defendant at a sheriff's sale bought the goods from the sheriff for 18*l*.: the plaintiff, who was also at the sale, bought defendant's bargain of him for 5*l*., and paid him the 23*l*. Defendant paid the sheriff the 18*l*., and the sheriff began to deliver the goods to plaintiff; but they were then claimed as not being the property of the execution debtor, and were recovered by the true owner.

Held, that there was no implied warranty by the plaintiff that he had title,

nor any failure of consideration; the plaintiff having paid the 23*l*. to the defendant, not for the goods, but for the right which defendant had acquired by his purchase; and that this consideration had not failed.

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Knowles and *Corrie* now shewed cause (a). Since the rule was obtained, *Morley v. Attenborough* (b) has been decided in the Exchequer. In that case, the actual point decided was that, where a sale was by auction under written conditions which expressly described the subject matter of the sale as forfeited property pledged before May 1844, the express description of a particular title in the vendor prevented any implied warranty of an absolute title from arising; a decision not adverse to the plaintiff in this case. But it must be owned that the reasoning and dicta of the Court in that case go much farther; and *Parke* seems to consider that in no case is there an implied warranty of title merely from the sale of chattels. It may be questioned whether this is law. (c) As the Court pronounced no opinion on the general question, the argument upon it is omitted. Counsel cited the same authorities and used nearly the same arguments as those used in *Morley v. Attenborough* (b). At all events, the plaintiff is entitled to retain his verdict on the count for money had and received. The consideration has totally failed; for he has never had possession de facto of the goods bought.

Burstow, contra. *Morley v. Attenborough* (b) was decided on great consideration; and probably no court of co-ordinate jurisdiction would lightly question it: but in truth the question, whether a vendor of specific goods does or does not impliedly warrant his right to convey the property, is quite irrelevant to the present case. Here the defendant and the agent of the

(a) Before Patteson, Coleridge and Erle Js.

(b) 3 Exch. 500.

plaintiff were both buying at a sheriff's sale; and the defendant became the highest bidder. The sheriff always conveys property, sold under an execution, by a bill of sale without any warranty of title; and this is well known to every one who attends such sales. Then the plaintiff, knowing these facts as well as the defendant, offers to give him five pounds to stand in his shoes. What does that mean? It is to buy his bargain for better or for worse: the plaintiff gives his money to have all the defendant's right and remedy under that bargain, and no more. It is said that the goods were not delivered. There is no count for not delivering: but, if there were, the answer is plain: the defendant did not under these circumstances contract to deliver the goods. He contracted to transfer what right he had against the sheriff to cause him to deliver; and that right does not include any warranty. *Parke B.* said in *Morley v. Attenborough*(a): "I recollect contending before Sir *James Mansfield*, that in a sale by the sheriff a warranty of title was implied, and my position was received with much contempt and astonishment, and I was asked to produce an authority for it." The plaintiff, when he bargained to stand in the defendant's shoes, knew, or ought to have known when he bought such a chose in action, that, if he complained of a want of title in the sheriff, his complaint might be so treated.

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PATTESON J., in the ensuing vacation (*February 26th*), delivered judgment.

(a) 18 L. J. (N. S.) Exch. 150. This dictum is not noticed in the report in 3 Exch. 500.

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It appears that certain articles had been bought, at a sale under an execution, by the defendant for 18*l*., which he had paid the sheriff; and that the plaintiff, who had equal knowledge with the defendant of the sale and of the title to these articles, bought from the defendant at his purchase for 23*l*.: the articles were afterwards claimed and taken under a superior title; and the plaintiff was prevented from keeping possession. He therefore claimed to recover back the 23*l*. as money had and received to his use, on the ground that the vendor of personalty either warrants his title, or, at least, is bound to refund the price if he has no title. But we are of opinion that the facts do not raise the point on which he relies; that the true consideration was the assignment of the right, whatever it was, that the defendant had acquired by his purchase at the sheriff's sale; and that this consideration has not failed.

In deciding for the defendant under these circumstances, we wish to guard against being supposed to doubt the right to recover back money paid upon an ordinary purchase of a chattel, where the purchaser does not have that for which he paid.

Rule absolute (a).

(a) Reported by C. Blackburn, Esq.

See *Sims v. Marryat*, Trinity Term (June 6th), 1851, post.

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WAKEMAN against LINDSEY and two Others.

Tuesday,
January 22d.

CASE. The first count charged that defendants, on &c., seized and took divers goods and chattels, viz. one *Dutch* clock, twenty weights, two drinking tables, &c. (specifying other articles) of the plaintiff, of great value, to wit &c., then found and being in and upon a certain messuage and premises with the appurtenances, as and for and in the name of a distress for certain supposed arrears of rent, to wit &c., then alleged by defendants to be due and in arrear to defendant *Lindsey* for the said premises &c.: nevertheless defendants, contriving &c., afterwards, on &c., wrongfully and unjustly sold the said goods and chattels under the said distress towards the satisfaction of the rent for which the said goods &c. had been so distrained, without having given to plaintiff, or left at the chief mansion house &c., any notice of the said distress, with the cause of such taking, five clear days, or any time, before such sale: but, on the contrary thereof, defendants wholly neglected to give any such notice previous to the said sale, and therein wholly failed &c., contrary to the form of the statute &c. (a). The second count was in trover for the like goods and chattels with those above mentioned. Plea, Not guilty, by statute (b). Issue thereon.

goods and effects that may be found in and about the said premises to pay the said rent and expenses of this distress." Held sufficient, it appearing that the distress was in fact meant to include all the goods on the premises.

Held (before stat. 14 & 15 Vict. c. 99. s. 2.) that, in an action against several defendants, the judge might direct an acquittal of one, against whom no evidence appeared at the close of the plaintiff's case; and thereby render him competent to give evidence for his co-defendants; provided there were no special pleas which he, with the other defendants, would be liable to costs under the New Rules for not proving.

Notice of distress for rent under 1 stat. 2 W. & M. c. 5. s. 2. stated that the broker had taken the goods mentioned in the inventory underwritten, which inventory was: "One clock and weights, &c. and any other

(a) 1 stat. 2 W. & M. c. 5. s. 2.

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On the trial, before *Erle J.*, at the sittings in *Middlesex* after *Hilary* term, 1849, it appeared that only notice given was a document partly in print, dated 6th *October* 1848, which, as the plaintiff's counsel insisted, was defective and, legally, no notice. It contended, at the close of the plaintiff's case, that there appeared no evidence to implicate *Lindsey* in transactions complained of; and, at the instance of his counsel, *Erle J.* directed a verdict of Not guilty as to him; the plaintiff's counsel objecting to an acquittal at that time. The case then proceeded. One witness for the plaintiff was called back, and further examined on behalf of the remaining defendants but no other evidence was offered on their behalf. Their counsel insisted that the notice was sufficient in law. The learned Judge was of that opinion, and directed a verdict for the defendants. The notice was as follows.

“ Mr. *White*, Mr. *Wakeman*, or whom else it may concern.

“ By virtue of an authority to me given by your landlord, Mr. *Lindsey*, take notice, that I have this day distrained the goods, chattels and things mentioned in the inventory hereunder written, for the sum 28*l.* 1*s.* 9*d.*, being for arrears of rent due the 29th day of *September* 1848, for the use and occupation of a house and premises situate and being No. *St. Peter's Place*, in the parish of *Hammersmith*, in the county *Middlesex*. And, unless you pay the said rent, together with the said expenses attending this distress, or satisfy the said goods, within five days from the date hereof, they will be appraised and sold to satisfy the rent and expenses, pursuant to the statute in that case

made and provided. Dated this 6th day of October 1848. Yours &c. Queen's Bench.
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“ The inventory to which the above notice refers, viz.

Tap room,

1 clock and weights &c., &c. (a)

“ And any other goods and effects that may be found in and about the said premises, to pay the said rent and expenses of this distress.

“ Removing any goods off the premises to avoid a distress, or any person aiding, assisting, or concealing the same, will subject themselves to double the value ” &c. (referring to stat. 11 G. 2. c. 19.)

It was assumed, on the argument in Banc, that the intention was to distrain every thing on the premises.

Udall, in the ensuing term, obtained a rule nisi for a new trial on the ground of misdirection on both the above points.

Miller now shewed cause. As to the first point, he contended that it would be very unjust if a defendant who stands on the merits of his own case should be liable to the results of evidence called by his co-defendants, and to which he cannot reply ; it being the plaintiff's act, not his, that other persons are made defendants with him. *Parke B.*, in *Child v. Chamberlain* (b), stated it to be a rule “ settled by the unanimous decisions of all the Judges,” that, when at the close

(a) Sic. No other particulars were given.

(b) 1 M. & Rob. 318. (January, 1834).

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of the plaintiff's case there is no evidence against a particular defendant, he is then entitled to an acquittal. Lord Denman C. J. in *Sowell v. Champion* (a) does not recognise the right, but considers the practice lying in the Judge's discretion. That expression of opinion, however, does not overrule the previous determination of the Judges. [Coleridge J. It is singular that the Judges who decided that case should have been aware of the unanimous resolution in 1837. Lord Denman C. J. says, in *White v. Hill* (b): "I know of no meeting of the Judges at which any such resolution has been come to as that spoken of in *Child Chamberlain* (c)." But the resolution may have been come to before his Lordship was on the Bench. Lord Denman C. J. says also: "Where one party is acquitted, he might be called for the defence, and prove that he, and not any of the other defendants, was the real wrong-doer." But there would be no injustice in that. [Coleridge J. Where there are special pleas, upon which all the defendants may be liable to costs, the Judge must have a discretion.] That was so considered in *Hitchen v. Teale* (d): but the only plea here is Not guilty by statute. [Coleridge J. mentioned *Spencer v. Harrison* (e).] If the acquittal rests in the discretion of the Judge, that discretion was rightly exercised here. [Coleridge J. As no witnesses were called for the defence in this case, the point seems immaterial.]

Then, as to the notice. 1 stat. 2 W. & M. c. 5. s. 2. authorises the sale within five days next after "such

(a) 6 A. & E. 407. Hilary Term, 1837.

(b) 6 Q. B. 487. 491.

(d) 2 M. & Rob. 30.

(c) 1 M. & Rob. 318.

(e) 2 Car. & Kir. 429.

distress taken, and notice thereof (with the cause of such taking) left" at the chief mansion house &c. Nothing is said of an inventory; and it is not objected that the present notice omits any other information. The form here is filled up, under the head of Inventory, with the words: "Tap-room. One clock and weights, &c., &c. And any other goods and effects that may be found in and about the said premises, to pay" &c. If part, only, of the goods on the premises were to be taken, a more specific statement might be necessary; but it is useless where all are distrained. The tenant has notice that the distrainer seizes everything. [*Patteson J.* The words are not even, any goods that "are on the premises," but "any" "that may be;" though two or three days after. *Coleridge J.* The notice is that such things "have" been distrained. If some do not come to the broker's hands till the next day, "have" they been distrained?] The whole must be read together, and cannot be taken to mean so. It is impossible to say here that notice was not given of the seizure of all the goods that were in fact sold. Practically, the broker puts his hand on a chair or a table in the name of all the goods on the premises. [*Erle J.* An assignment is, generally, of all the goods on the premises; but the notice may come under a different rule. *Patteson J.* If there was some privileged chattel on the premises, could the broker, having used this form, deny that he had taken it?] The form intimates that he has distrained all. But, if the inventory were specific, and included something not distrainable, it would not be the less an inventory. [*Coleridge J.* It is very shameful to conduct a distress in this careless manner, taking all a man's property, as appears to be

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done here.] The whole question on this rule is, whether the tenant has such information as gives him the opportunity of objecting to the distress, or replevy. The Act requires that the notice shall be in writing as was held in *Wilson v. Nightingale (a)*, but imposes no rule as to form.

Udall, contra. 1 stat. 2 *W. & M. c. 5.* gave a new privilege to landlords, by enabling them to sell the goods, which before could only be impounded. The conditions annexed should be observed strictly. The distrainer is not obliged to impound the goods on the premises; if he removes them, the tenant cannot know, and still less can any other owner of goods which may have been taken, what has been carried away. If such party, or the tenant himself, replevies, the bond, by stat. 11 *G. 2. c. 19. s. 23.*, is to be in double the value of the goods seized; but it may be impossible to fix a value, where the distrainer professes to seize everything that may be on the premises. The actual recovery would be no guide in such a case. In the Appendix to *Impey's* edition of *Gilbert On Distress and Replevy* pp. 230, 231, directions are given for executing a distress; and the form of inventory there is "one table &c. (setting forth the goods.)" [*Erle J.* Would "all the furniture in the front attic," or "all the bedding," be sufficient? I have seen inventories mentioning "the ricks" in such a yard, "all the horses" in such stable. How particular must the broker be? Sometimes he is distraining at the peril of his life.] At all events a notice of taking any goods that "may be

(a) 8 *Q. B.* 1034.

found" &c. cannot be sufficient. And the notice here *Queen's Bench.*
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points out a penalty if "any goods," of those so
generally mentioned, are removed.

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Then, as to the acquittal. [*Coleridge J.* If no witness was examined for the defence that point is immaterial.] A witness was called back and cross-examined. [*Coleridge J.* If that was wrong, it might have been objected to at the time. It cannot make the acquittal improper.] *Udall* referred to *White v. Hill* (a), and noticed the difference between a special plea and Not guilty by statute, as shewn by *Spencer v. Harrison* (b).

PATTESON J. Whatever rule may have been laid down respecting the acquittal of one defendant (as to which some doubt appears to be raised, and we are not now called upon to say any thing, and had better not), it clearly was competent at all events to the learned Judge to direct an acquittal when the plaintiff's case was closed. There was no witness afterwards specifically called by the defendants, if that would have made a difference, which I do not say that it would. If indeed there had been an affirmative plea, the proof of which lay on the defendant who was acquitted, he could not have claimed an acquittal and then been called to prove his own plea. But the plea of Not guilty by statute is a different thing. As to the notice: the wording of this form is extraordinary; and I cannot see how it is consistent with good sense to say that the broker has seized all that "may be found" on the premises. But perhaps the fair interpretation may be, all that are there: and, if in fact the broker has taken

(a) 6 Q. B. 487.

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every thing without exception, the practice may be very bad and loose, but I cannot say that it vitiates the ~~sale~~. A notice of distress must say, not only "I have ~~dis~~trained," but "I have distrained" some goods. But, as in this case all were taken, I am not prepared to say that the notice, as framed, is bad. If only part ~~had~~ been taken, it might have been necessary to specify that part.

COLERIDGE J. If the present case had been brought within the authority of *Hitchen v. Teale* (a), the motion on the first point, might have been well founded. The case does not infringe the position said to have been laid down by the Judges before the establishment of the New rules. These have raised a new question upon liability to costs where there are affirmative issues to be maintained by the defendants; upon which question *Hitchen v. Teale* (a) turned. Here the defendants have pleaded only Not guilty, by statute. It is true that that lets in any case which a defendant may have to prove; but, in this instance, it does not appear that the defendant *Lindsey* had any special defence to prove. It was as if he had pleaded Not guilty at common law. On the other point I have felt doubt, and decide with reluctance. The object of 1 stat. 2 *W. & M. c. 5. s. 2.* was that the party distrained upon should have notice of what was taken. It is not fair to evade giving this by saying, a clock, and any other goods that "may" be found "in and about" the premises. Still, if the party intends bonâ fide to take all, he may assume that the tenant knows sufficiently what they are, and that

(a) 2 *M. & Rob.* 30.

“all” is enough. I do not feel justified in laying down that, in such a case, there must be a specification though it is difficult to draw a line, and I am of deciding that which may lead brokers to use no general forms.

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J. The questions put after the acquittal were those that had been forgotten by oversight: when they did not in the least alter the bearing of the case and no one applied to cancel the verdict of acquittal on reason of their having been asked. As to the peril which has attended the practice used in the will, I should hope, caution brokers against forms like that which the Court has felt so much force in sanctioning. There is evil in the use of forms; yet there may be more if a landlord is liable to an action for the use of words somewhat general, and if it is rendered necessary that at the time of making a distress every thing must be brought under the purpose of being described and numbered. The word “all” does give a description; so far that, no more than is required, the landlord is in peril of being taken too much.

Rule discharged.

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[Saturday,
February 24th,
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ROYAL EXCHANGE ASSURANCE.

Plaintiff in
London con-
tracted to buy
of D. 6000 bags
of rice, to ar-
rive from
Madras by the
ship *E. B.* be-
fore the end of
May: and he
contracted with
W. to sell him
the same rice,
to arrive as
above, at an ad-
vanced price.
Plaintiff then
effected an
insurance at
and from Ma-
dras to London
on profit on
rice, laden or
to be laden,
and also upon

the body, tackle &c. of the ship *E. B.*, beginning the adventure upon the goods from and immediately after the loading thereof aboard the said ship at Madras. The ordinary perils were insured against. Premium 2l. 10s. per cent. The rice was all ready to be shipped on board the *E. B.* and conveyed to London for plaintiff's vendors, and 1200 bags were actually on board, when, by perils of the sea, the ship was disabled, and prevented from performing the voyage, and the rice on board spoiled; and plaintiff's contracts both of purchase and sale became inoperative. In an action by plaintiff on the policy, for a total loss in respect of 4800 bags, the insurers having settled for the 1200:

Held, by the Court of Queen's Bench:

That the plaintiff's expected profit was an insurable interest, and well insured by this policy.

And that it was not necessary to the plaintiff's right of recovery that the 4800 bags should have been actually on board; the ship having been at Madras ready to take in the cargo, and having been disabled from doing so by no cause but peril of the sea.

Held, by the Court of Exchequer Chamber, reversing the judgment in Q. B.:

That the plaintiff's interest in profit was insurable: But

That it was not properly insured by a policy in this form, except as to the rice actually put on board.

And that, if the rice on shore could have been considered a subject matter of the insurance under this policy, the loss in respect of such rice was not occasioned by peril of the sea, within the meaning of the policy, but was only consequential upon other loss occasioned by such peril.

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May then next, guaranteed equal in quality to said **amples** or an allowance to be made: the ship to be **at** liberty to go to any port in *Great Britain*, &c. **Then** followed terms of the contract, as to mode of **ayment** and allowances, which it is unnecessary to **et** forth; see p. 640, post.) And, the said contract **or** purchase &c. having been so made, afterwards, **to** wit on 16th *January* A.D. 1847, plaintiff agreed **to sell** to certain persons, to wit certain persons carry-
ing on trade and business under the name and style **of** Messrs. *J. and C. Woodhouse* (names not otherwise **known** to plaintiff), who then agreed to buy of plaintiff, **the** said goods, to wit the said 6000 bags of rice then **still** supposed to have been shipped, and expected to **arrive**, as aforesaid, at the price of 20s. 6d. per cwt., **and** upon the like terms and conditions in all respects, **except** the amount of the price thereof, as were agreed **upon** between the plaintiff and the said *John Drake* **as** first aforesaid. And plaintiff thereupon then, and **from** thence until and at the time of the making the **policy** of insurance hereinafter mentioned, had just **reason** to expect and did expect that he would, by **reason** and means of the premises, and of the arrival **of** the said rice as aforesaid, and the performance of the **said** contracts, make a profit (to wit) to the amount of 675*l.*, on and in respect of the said rice. And there-
upon, after the making of the said contracts, and **whilst** the said rice was still supposed to have been **shipped**, and expected to arrive, as aforesaid, to wit **on** 18th *January* A.D. 1847, a certain policy of in-
surance was, at the instance of the plaintiff, and in **consideration** of certain premiums &c., made by and **sealed** with the common seal of the defendants (pro-

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fert): By which policy of insurance the plaintiff, as well in his own name as for and in the name and names of all and every other person or persons to whom the same did, might or should appertain &c., did make assurance upon the expected profit on the said rice, to wit the profit aforesaid, and cause himself and them and every of them to be assured by the defendants, lost or not lost, in respect of the same, at and from *Madras to London*: which said policy was and is of the tenor following, that is to say:

The declaration then set out the policy, by which “*E. M'Swiney*, as well in *his* own name” as in those of all to whom it might appertain, made assurance, “lost or not lost, at and from *(a) Madras to London, with leave to touch at all ports and places on either side of and at the Cape of Good Hope for all purposes, being on profit on rice*, upon any kind of goods and merchandize whatsoever loaden or to be loaden; and also upon the body, tackle,” &c. of and in the ship “called the *Edward Bilton*, burthen” &c., whereof is master &c.: “beginning the adventure upon the said goods and merchandises from and immediately following the loading thereof aboard the said ship *at Madras*: and upon the said ship &c.; and so shall continue and endure during her abode there upon the said ship &c.; and further until the said ship, with all her ordnance, tackle, apparel &c., and goods and merchandizes whatsoever, shall be arrived at *London*: upon the said ship &c. until she hath there moored at anchor twenty four hours in good safety, and upon the goods and merchandises until the same be there discharged and safely

(a) The words in Italics were written on blanks of the printed form.

landed. And it shall be lawful" &c. : liberty for the ship to touch and stay &c. ; valuation clause (not filled up); perils insured against to be "of the seas, men of war, fire, enemies, pirates, rovers, thieves, jettisons, letters of mart and counter-mart, surprisals, takings at sea, arrests, restraints," &c. of all kings, princes, &c., "barratry of the master and mariners; and of all other perils, losses and misfortunes that have or shall come to the hurt, detriment or damage of the said goods and merchandizes and ship &c. or any part thereof:" liberty to the assured to sue, labour, &c. about the defence, recovery &c.: policy to be of as much force as the surest policy &c. : And the insurers confessed themselves paid "the consideration due unto them for this assurance by *the assured*, at and after the rate of *two pounds ten shillings* per cent." Sum insured, "*six hundred pounds*:" clause as to average. The declaration then averred that the said Corporation thereupon became insurers to the plaintiff for the said sum of 600*l.* upon and in respect of the said expected profits on the said rice, so agreed to be bought and sold as aforesaid, against the risks aforesaid.

It was then averred, That, heretofore and before the damage and loss after mentioned, to wit on 20th *October* A. D. 1846, the said ship was at *Madras* aforesaid, and was then ready and about to take the said rice, to wit the said 6000 bags thereof, on the voyage in the said policy mentioned to *London* aforesaid; and the said rice, to wit the said 6000 bags thereof, being of good quality, to wit equal to the said samples, was then ready and about to be taken in the said ship on the said voyage in the said policy mentioned, and consigned to the said persons who agreed to sell the same to the plaintiff as

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aforesaid; and a part, to wit 1200 bags, of the ~~said~~ rice were then shipped and loaded on board the ~~said~~ ship for the purpose of being carried on the said voyage ~~to~~ to *London* aforesaid; and the residue of the said rice, wit 4800 bags thereof, were then at *Madras* aforesaid ready and about to be loaded on board the said ship ~~for~~ for the purpose of being carried on the said voyage ~~to~~ to *London* aforesaid; and the said rice, to wit the ~~said~~ 6000 bags thereof, were then ready and about to be ~~boarded~~ and would then have been, carried to *London* in the said ship, and the said profits made by the plaintiff: ~~in~~ in respect thereof, but for the damage and loss hereinaft ~~er~~ mentioned. And the said ship then, and whilst ~~she~~ was at *Madras* aforesaid ready and about to take ~~on board~~ board the rest of the said rice and proceed therewith ~~on~~ on the said voyage, was by the perils of the seas and stormy and tempestuous weather greatly damaged ~~and~~ injured, and rendered incapable of taking, and ~~for~~ reason thereof did not take, the said rice or any ~~part~~ thereof on the said voyage to *London* &c. so as ~~to~~ enable plaintiff to make the said profit, or any ~~profit~~ thereof: and the said part of the said rice so on ~~board~~ of the said ship was then by reason of the said ~~perils~~ spoiled and lost, so that no profit could be or was ~~made~~ of the same: and the said residue of the said rice ~~was~~ then by the said perils prevented from being shipped and loaded on board the said ship and carried on the said voyage. Averment that, by reason of the perils aforesaid, the same being perils insured against by the said policy, the said vessel was wholly prevented from arriving, and did not arrive, with the said rice or any part thereof, on or before the end of *May*, 1847, which had elapsed before this suit, or at all, so as that

plaintiff could make the said profit or any profit of the same; and the said profit on the said rice so insured &c., during the said risk &c., then became and was, by perils insured against by the said policy, to wit by the said perils of the sea &c., wholly lost to the plaintiff, and plaintiff was thereby damnified to a large amount, to wit 675*l*. Averments, that plaintiff, at the time of insurance, and during the period of risk, was interested in the profits insured, to wit to the whole amount insured; that he performed all things on his part &c.; and that defendants had notice &c., and were requested by him to pay &c.

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Pleas: 1. By statute (a): except as to the said part of the rice alleged to have been loaded on board the said ship, and the said expected profit of the plaintiff thereon, that defendants have not broken the covenants &c.; conclusion to the country. Issue thereon. 2. As to the causes of action excepted, payment of 102*l*. into Court, which the plaintiff accepted.

On the trial, before Lord *Denman* C. J., at the sittings in *London* after *Trinity* term, 1848, a special verdict was found, as follows.

The jurors &c., say &c.: That on 9th *January*, A. D. 1847, the plaintiff purchased of Messrs. *Drouhet, Gardiner & Co.*, through their agent, Mr. *John Drake*, 6000 bags of rice, then supposed to have been shipped at *Madras* on board the *Edward Bilton* hereinafter mentioned, and expected to arrive at *London* before the end of *May* 1847. That the purchase was effected by bought and sold notes in the usual way, signed by Messrs. *Kemble & Trower*, the brokers of the parties.

(a) 11 G. 1. c. 30. s. 43.

That a bag of rice weighs about $1\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.: and that **Messrs. M. I. & C. Woodhouse**, the purchasers, have continued solvent: and that the profit upon the said transactions, in case the said rice had arrived by the said vessel before the end of *May* 1847, would have been 675*l*. And that on 18th *January* 1847, after the purchase and sale of the rice, and whilst it was still expected to arrive by the said vessel, the plaintiff applied to the defendants to insure profit on rice, meaning the profit arising on the transaction comprised in the bought note of the first contract and the sold note of the second contract before mentioned; and that a policy of insurance was then thereupon effected by the plaintiff with the defendants in the words and figures in the declaration mentioned and set forth. That a certain part of the said policy was in print, and was in the common form used by the defendants in their business: and that the said part so in print was as follows, that is to say. The verdict set out the printed form, with blanks for the parts afterwards filled up in writing. See p. 636, *antè*.

That on 18th *October* 1846 the ship *Edward Bilton* arrived and was at *Madras* for the purpose of taking the 6000 bags of rice in question from *Madras* to *London*, for which purpose she had been previously chartered by the plaintiff's vendors; and that the whole of the 6000 bags of rice in question was then at *Madras* ready and about to be shipped on board the said vessel to be carried from *Madras* to *London* for the plaintiff's vendors. And that, on 21st *October* 1846, the vessel was blown out to sea by a gale of wind, and returned to *Madras* on 26th *October* 1846; and that 1200 bags of the rice only were then loaded on board

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the said vessel, and the remaining 4800 bags were ready and about to be shipped on board of her when, on the 24th *November* 1846, another violent gale came on, which then drove the said vessel out of *Madras* roads to sea, and there dismasted and otherwise damaged her, and spoiled the said 1200 bags of rice. And that afterwards she put back to *Madras*, where she again arrived on 27th *November* 1846, and then, after having discharged the 1200 bags of rice, which were so damaged by the sea that they were obliged to be sold on the spot, and never came to *London*, she was found so injured by the said gale as to be obliged to proceed to *Calcutta* for repair, and was wholly disabled from taking on board the remaining 4800 bags of the rice in question, and from proceeding from *Madras* to *London* on the voyage mentioned in the policy, and which she would have done, and would in ordinary course have arrived in *London* before the end of the said month of *May*, whereby the contracts aforesaid would have been performed and the said profits realised thereon by the said plaintiff, but for the injuries and damage aforesaid. That the said ship the *Edward Bilton* was under repair at *Calcutta* until 27th *May* 1847, and sailed thence on that day for *London* direct with a cargo, and arrived in *London* on 24th *November* 1847 without any of the said rice on board. And that, in consequence of the said damage to the said *Edward Bilton*, the said 4800 bags never were loaded on board of her, but were afterwards sent to *London* by another vessel, the *Mary Nixon*, but did not arrive until some time in the month of *June* 1847; and that both the said contracts consequently became inoperative, and the said profit was wholly lost by the plaintiff. And that defendants, before this

action, had notice of the matters before found by the jury, and were requested by the plaintiff to indemnify him against his said loss, but declined to do so, on the ground that, as they contended, they were only liable to make good to the plaintiff the loss of the said profit to arise in respect of the quantity of the rice in question actually shipped on board the *Edward Bilton*, but not in respect of the residue of the said rice which was not actually loaded on board the vessel. But whether &c. The verdict then referred to the Court, in the usual form, the question, whether or not the defendants have broken the covenants &c., so far as regards the causes of action to which the first plea is pleaded.

The case was argued on the special verdict in *Hilary term*, 1849 (*a*), by *Martin* for the plaintiff, and *Sir F. Thesiger* for the defendants. The judgment of the Court, and the subsequent discussion in the Exchequer Chamber, make it unnecessary to report the arguments.

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Judgment was delivered in *Hilary vacation* (*February 24th*), 1849, by

LORD DENMAN C. J. This was an insurance on the profits to arise upon the sale by the plaintiff of 6000 bags of rice in case they had arrived by the *Edward Bilton*. The plaintiff had purchased the rice, which was at the time supposed to have been shipped on board the *Edward Bilton* on the 9th of *January* 1847; and bought and sold notes were regularly delivered. On the 16th of *January* the plaintiff sold the rice at an advance of 1s. 6d. per cwt., and bought and sold notes were in like manner regularly delivered.

(*a*) *January* 19th, 1849. Before Lord Denman C. J., Patteson, Coleridge and Wightman J.

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The rice was expected to arrive by the *Edward Bilton* in *May* 1847. On the 18th of *January* the plaintiff insured the profits arising upon the sale by him. The policy was “at and from *Madras* to *London*” “on profit on rice,” “beginning the adventure upon the said goods and merchandises from and immediately following the loading thereof aboard the said ship at *Madras*.” On the 26th of *October* 1846 the *Edward Bilton* was at *Madras*, ready to take the 6000 bags of rice, which were also there lying ready to be shipped on board of her, she having been chartered for the purpose. 1200 bags had been loaded on board and the rest were about to be loaded at *Madras*, when the ship was blown out to sea, and so much damaged that the 1200 bags were spoilt and obliged afterwards to be relanded; and she was unable to bring them or the remainder to *England*.

Since the case of *Lucena v. Craufurd* (a) there is doubt that there may be an insurance upon profits: but it was contended, on the part of the defendants, that, to give an insurable interest, the goods out of which the profits were to arise must have been on board the ship; and that this case was within the principle of the decisions in *Stockdale v. Dunlop* (b) and *Knox v. Wood* (c). Both those cases are however clearly distinguishable from the present.

In *Stockdale v. Dunlop* (b) there was no binding contract for the sale to the plaintiffs of the goods from which the profits were to arise: they had, as observed by the Court, no legal interest whatever in the subject matter of the insurance: there was merely an expectation of possession on the part of the plaintiffs, founded

(a) 2 *New Rep.* 269, in *Dom. Proc.* on Error from *Exch. Ch.*; *Lucena v. Craufurd*, 3 *B. & P.* 75.

(b) 6 *M. & W.* 224.

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on a verbal promise of the vendors, which was not binding upon them; and therefore there was no insurable interest. In the present case, the plaintiff had purchased the rice by a valid and binding contract, and the profit was fixed and ascertained by another valid and binding contract entered into by him with his vendees. In the case of *Knox v. Wood* (a) the vessel was lost upon her outward voyage; and no cargo was ready for her homeward voyage; upon which the profits were to arise, or even contracted for; so that, as Lord *Ellenborough* observed, the interest of the assured was the expectation of an expectation, which was not an insurable interest.

In the present case the ship was actually at *Madras*, where the goods were lying ready to be put on board in pursuance of a valid contract, and part actually was on board at the time of the loss. It appears to us that the case, in principle, falls within those of *Devaux v. J'Anson* (b), and *Warre v. Miller* (c), and *Flint v. Le Mesurier* (d) reported in *Park on Insurances*; and that, where there is a legal certainty that profit will be made if goods arrive, and that the goods are ready to be shipped under a valid contract, there is an insurable interest; and that, if the loss arises from a peril insured against, such as the perils of the sea, the underwriters are responsible.

The risk of loss of profits attached when the vessel was at *Madras*, ready to take in her cargo, and having actually begun to take it in; and the loss occurred by the ship being blown off and sustaining too much damage to take in all the cargo, which was a peril of the sea.

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Upon the whole, we are of opinion that the plaintiff is entitled to our judgment.

Judgment for plaintiff (a).

(a) See the next case.

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JUDGMENT having been signed in this case for ~~the~~ plaintiff below, the defendants below brought error ~~in~~ in the Exchequer Chamber, assigning for errors that ~~it~~ appears by the record that defendants have broken the ~~covenants~~ covenants so far as regards the matters pleaded to in the ~~first~~ first plea, and that judgment is given for the plaintiff whereas judgment ought to have been given for the defendants. Joinder. The case was argued on the writ of error in *Michaelmas* vacation (*November 27th*) 1849, before *Maule, Cresswell, Williams* and *Talfourd* Js., and *Parke, Alderson, Rolfe* and *Platt* Bs.

Sir *F. Thesiger*, for the plaintiffs in error (defendants below). The plaintiff below could not have an insurable interest in the expected profits without having an insurable interest in the goods; and in those he could have no insurable interest till they were put on board. Until then, neither goods nor profits could be the subject of perils of the seas. The judgment of the Court

of Queen's Bench has proceeded too far on a supposed analogy to the case of freight. The subjects of insurance are ship and goods, to which freight and profits are incident. There can be no insurable interest in freight without ownership of the vessel, nor in profits without an actual interest in the goods, the corpus on which the profits are to arise. In *Barclay v. Cousins* (a), where profits of a cargo were held insurable, *Lawrence* J. (delivering the judgment of the Court) treated them as incident to the goods insured. After describing the protection by insurance as embracing generally "those losses and disadvantages which, but for the perils insured against, the assured would not suffer," he proceeds: "In every maritime adventure, the adventurer is liable to be deprived not only of the thing immediately subjected to the perils insured against, but also of the advantages to arise from the arrival of those things at their destined port. If they do not arrive, his loss in such case is not merely that of his goods or other things exposed to the perils of navigation, but of the benefits which, were his money employed in an undertaking not subject to the perils, he might obtain, without more risk than the capital itself would be liable to: and if, when the capital is subject to the risks of maritime commerce, it be allowable for the merchant to protect that by insuring it, why may he not protect those advantages he is in danger of losing by their being subjected to the same risks?" Lord *Ellenborough* asked, in *Eyre v. Glover* (b), "are profits any thing more than an excrescence upon the value of the goods beyond the prime cost?" Refer-

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ence was made in the Court below to *Lucena v. Craufurd* (a), where *Lawrence J.* said: "Interest does not necessarily imply a right to the whole, or a part of a thing, nor necessarily and exclusively that which may be the subject of privation, but the having some relation to, or concern in the subject of the insurance, which relation or concern by the happening of the perils insured against may be so affected as to produce a damage, detriment, or prejudice to the person insuring: and where a man is so circumstanced with respect to matters exposed to certain risks or dangers, as to have a moral certainty of advantage or benefit, but for those risks or dangers he may be said to be interested in the safety of the thing. To be interested in the preservation of a thing, is to be so circumstanced with respect to it as to have benefit from its existence, prejudice from its destruction. The property of a thing and the interest devisable" (derivable) "from it may be very different: of the first the price is generally the measure, but by interest in a thing every benefit and advantage arising out of or depending on such thing may be considered as being comprehended." But these words must be understood with reference to the subject matter of decision in that case, namely, the interest of the Commissioners for sale of *Dutch* property under stat. 35 G. 3. c. 80. s. 21. in *Dutch* ships actually seized under orders of the *British* government, and insured by the Commissioners afterwards. If the language of *Lawrence J.* be supposed to mean that for the purpose of insurance it is not necessary to have an actual interest in the subject matter, it is directly at variance

(a) 2 New Rep. 269. 302.

with *Stockdale v. Dunlop* (a), where the Court of Exchequer held that the plaintiffs had no insurable interest in the profits of an expected cargo which they had agreed to purchase, the contract not being a legally binding one. The accessory cannot be more protected than the principal; and by the terms of this policy the goods were insured only "from" "the loading thereof aboard." It is true that in *Flint v. Flemyng* (b) the plaintiff recovered for the loss of freight on goods which had not yet been shipped; and that decision was followed up in *Devaux v. J'Anson* (c): but in these cases the freight was lost by loss of the ship; the ship was the principal; and, that being destroyed, the freight never could be earned. Here the principal, the 4800 bags of rice, never was destroyed; there was merely a delay in its arrival. As *Patteson* J. observed on the argument below, the assured is seeking to engraft on the insurance a guarantee that the goods shall arrive within a certain time. The loss in question does not arise from any peril insured against. Supposing even that the goods had been shipped, and the vessel had sailed and been obliged to put back, and by the consequent delay a market for the cargo had been lost, the goods themselves being entirely uninjured: that would not have been a loss within the policy. The judgments of this Court in *Anderson v. Wallis* (d) and *Everth v. Smith* (e) are clear on this point, as to goods and freight; and there can be no different rule as to profits (g). It can-

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(c) 5 New Ca. 519.

(d) 2 M. & S. 240.

(e) 2 M. & S. 278.

(g) *Patteson* J. observed, on the argument below: "If *Drouhet & Co.* had insured the rice, they could not have recovered for the 4800 bags,

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not be contended that there is in this case any insurance, virtual or otherwise, upon the ship; the omission to strike out some words in the printed form may give rise to this suggestion; but the declaration states the insurance to be on the expected profit upon rice.

Martin, contra. First: The policy was in reality an undertaking that the ship should not be prevented from arriving with the goods by an injury for which the ship-owner or the owner of the goods might have recovered: and this meets the observation of *Pater-son J.*, referred to on the other side. Secondly: the loss was an entire destruction of that which was the subject matter of insurance.

What that subject matter was, is the real dispute between the parties. The insurance was upon the profits of a contract. *M'Swiney* had agreed to purchase rice of *Drouhet & Co.*; but nothing actually passed to him by that agreement: something remained to be done before the property in the rice vested in him; it was to arrive and be weighed out. Then *M'Swiney* sells to Messrs. *Woodhouse*; and he insures the profit to arise from the subcontract. The interest so insured is not an excrescence from the goods. That expression applies to the ordinary case where a man has actually bought goods and expects to get an advanced price for them at the port of discharge. Here the declaration alleges that the plaintiff at the time of effecting the policy had reason to expect, and did expect, that he would, "by

because of their arrival. Supposing they had also insured the profits in the language of the present policy, could they have recovered for them? If so, the profits would seem not to be a mere excrescence."

reason and means of the premises, and of the arrival of the said rice as aforesaid, and the performance of the said contracts, make a profit" &c. If that profit was lost by a peril of the sea operating on the ship and part of the goods at *Madras*, the policy attached. It is not correct to say generally that this is setting up a guarantee that the ship should arrive in *London* by the end of *May*. The liability of the insurers depended on the ship being injured by a peril insured against, and thereby prevented from arriving. [*Cresswell* J. Suppose the ship had been stranded but not injured, and a delay had resulted.] It is not necessary to say whether on a delay caused by such an accident, or by winds, the policy would attach. But it would if the delay were occasioned by the happening of a peril insured against. [*Parke* B. If, in consequence of such a peril, the ship had been delayed, but arrived on the 1st of *June*, would that have been a loss?] That is not the present case. Ordinarily the subjects of marine insurance are ship, goods and freight: but an insurance may be on something which is neither. Nothing creates a limit in this respect but the statute 19 *G. 2. c. 37*. The policy here shews expressly that the insurance contemplated was upon "profit on rice:" that is a legal insurance, and analogous to insurances of freight ("the benefit derived from the employment of the ship;" *Flint v. Flemyng* (a);) or of commission, which is the interest a man has in the sale of goods arriving at their port and realising a profit by his exertion, though he has no interest in the goods themselves. "Commissions, as to their insurability, stand on the

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same ground as profits; and, as we have already seen, are clearly established in *English* law, to be lawful subjects of insurance. But" the assured "must shew, that, at the time of the loss, the goods, out of the sale of which the profits or commissions were expected to arise, were either actually on board, or ready or contracted to be put on board, so that nothing but the loss intervened between the assured and his realising such profits or receiving such commissions:" 1 *Arnould on Insurance*, 241; where *Knox v. Wood* (a) is cited. The language of *Lawrence J.* in *Barclay v. Cousins* (b), cited on the other side, and in 1 *Arn. Ins.* 204, shews that the interest in question is one of those which may legitimately be insured.

Stockdale v. Dunlop (c) is no authority against the plaintiff below. There the contract on which the interest depended was one which could not be enforced; it was, as *Parke B.* said, "an engagement of honour merely." The same learned Judge says there: "I admit that profits may be insured, but that is on the ground that they form an additional part of the value of the goods, in which the party has already an interest. Thus, the owner of goods on board a vessel may insure the profits to arise from them. So may a consignee, or a factor in respect of his commission. So may captors, because they have a lawful possession, coupled with a well founded expectation that their claim to retain the goods will be allowed. So may the owners of slaves, or a captain in respect of his commission. In these cases there is either an absolute or a special property in possession." [*Parke B.* I was contem-

(a) 2 *Park Ins.* 564.; *S. C.* 1 *Camp.* 543.

(b) 2 *East*, 547.

(c) 6 *M. & W.* 224.

plating the case of goods actually on board.] The judgment proceeds: "There the profits are insured as an additional value upon the goods, in which the insurer has a present interest." That would not apply to the case of a factor. "Here, however, the assured are not interested at the time of the goods being put on board, but only upon their arrival." In the present case there was an actual interest when the goods were put on board, by a subsisting and valid contract. It was an "interest derivable" from a thing, as distinguished from "the property of a thing" by *Lawrence J.* in *Lucena v. Craufurd* (a).

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If it be asked, when this policy attached, the answer is, when the goods were ready for shipment at *Madras*, and the vessel ready to receive them. The effective words as to the commencement of the risk are "at and from." In *Montgomery v. Eggington* (b) the insurance was on freight valued at 1500*l.*; 500*l.* worth was on board, and goods to the remaining amount ready to be shipped, when the vessel was driven from her moorings and lost; and the assured recovered in respect of the whole. In 1 *Arn. Ins.* 470, the result of that and other cases is stated to be: "That where a full cargo has been contracted for, and is ready to be shipped on board at the time of the loss, and the ship, being otherwise in a condition to receive the cargo, is only prevented from doing so by the intervention of the perils insured against, the policy on freight attaches, and the underwriters are liable for the loss of the whole freight which would have been earned on the voyage, even though no part of the cargo has ever been shipped on board at all."

(a) 2 *New Rep.* 302.

(b) 3 *T. R.* 362.

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This applies equally to the interest insured here. Unless the words "at and from" have the effect here contended for, there is no difference between an insurance on freight or on profits and an insurance on goods, in which case the risk begins from the loading on board. [*Cresswell J.* The contract with Messrs *Woodhouse* was for goods "to arrive on or before" According to *Lovatt v. Hamilton* (a) it was no binding contract for goods which did not so arrive.] *Johnson v. Macdonald* (b) (cited, with the preceding and other decisions, in *Smith's Mercantile Law*, 469, note (f), 4th ed.) was a similar case. The contingency by which the plaintiffs in those cases were defeated is that which the present policy is intended to provide against. *2 Park Ins.* 564. (*Hildyard's* ed.) it is said that "an open policy on profits is good, the assured proving an interest in the cargo;" and *King v. Glover* (c) is cited, where, "in the Common Pleas, after much deliberation, all the Judges of that Court were of opinion that an *African* captain, who, besides his wages, was entitled for his trouble and attention in purchasing slaves on the coast of *Africa*, and selling and disposing of them in the *West Indies*, to so much per cent., and other privileges, had a good insurable interest in this remuneration." There the insurance was "at and from" the coast of *Africa*, and would have attached if, when the slaves were ready to be taken on board, the ship had been blown out to sea and the voyage lost. In that and similar cases, "there was something of certainty in the profits or commissions which the assured expected:" but, "where not only the profits are an

(a) 5 M. & W. 639.

(b) 9 M. & W. 600.

(c) 2 New Rep. 206.

~~ex~~pectation, but the obtaining a cargo, out of which ~~the~~ commission is to arise, is also an expectation, such ~~an~~ insurance cannot be supported without entirely ~~de~~stroying the intention of the stat. 19 G. 2. c. 37:"

2 *Park Ins.* 564. The present insurance, tried by this ~~test~~, sustains the action. *Devaux v. J'Anson* (a) goes ~~the~~ whole length required by the plaintiff below.

[*Maule J.* The goods there were the plaintiff's own; and the decision was that, under an insurance upon freight, he might recover the profits expected from carrying his own goods in his own ship: a very old point. *Parke B.* It was an insurance of the ship's earnings.] The insurance was against loss by injury either to the ship or goods: if either, in such a case, received injury by which loss accrued, the safety of the other would be no answer. [*Cresswell J.* According to your argument you do not want the second contract of sale, if you can shew that a profit would, in some way, have been made by the goods.] There is nothing unreasonable or illegal in a contract to be indemnified against loss that may accrue, either by the goods being altogether prevented from going, or by a part being damaged so that a contract in respect of the whole cannot be fulfilled: and, if the claim arises, the only question is whether the loss happened by a peril insured against. [*Parke B.* It is strange if the underwriters have insured the arrival by a certain day at the ordinary premium.] It is enough if the record shews that the voyage insured was never performed, and that by reason of a peril insured against. It lies upon the underwriters to prove that, having insured

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against a particular peril, and that having happened, they are not liable.

Then, the policy in this case has attached, the subject matter of insurance being totally destroyed. The profit was an undivided profit, depending upon the arrival of all the rice. Part not arriving, the whole benefit was lost; and that by a peril insured against. According to *Lovatt v. Hamilton* (a), the plaintiff could not obtain 6000 bags, and he could not compel his vendees to accept less. [*Parke B.* Do you say that the insured profit would have been lost if one bag had sustained sea-damage?] In such an extreme case a jury would not find for the plaintiff. But if there were a real and substantial loss of quantity the profit would be gone. [*Parke B.* If the loss of ten bags would have that result, ought not the premium to be very high?] It was. [*Maule J.* If you had shewn the agent of the Company a contract such as you state this policy to be, he would not have taken it at $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.] The question comes ultimately to be, what was insured. [*Parke B.* And whether the policy has attached to that. *Maule J.* By perils of the sea.]

Sir *F. Thesiger*, in reply. There was, no doubt, some interest in the goods and possible profits, which might have been insured by a suitable policy. The insurance is simply of "profit on rice." It is contended that this means the profit of certain contracts respecting rice; but that is not so. If the party insuring had stated to the underwriters that he wished to insure the arrival of 6000 bags of rice in *London* by the

(a) 5 M. & W. 639.

1st of *May*, the case would have been different. But the profit, as mentioned here, is part of the value of such a quantity of rice. [*Parke B.* It is an additional insurance by the owner on his own property. *Maule J.* Of the price at the port of discharge, after deducting the cost on board.] Such an insurance must be not on profits in the abstract, but on profits annexed to something; that is, to some certain goods. Then the risk upon such profits "at and from *Madras*" must commence when such certain goods are laden on board at *Madras*. *Horneyer v. Lushington (a)* decides that this is the time at which the policy on goods must attach. The case of commission differs from this; for, if the ship is lost, the commission may still be earned by sending on the goods in some other way. It is true that, in the case of freight, the assured may recover if either the ship or the goods be lost, the freight depending on the existence of both. But here a term is introduced independent of the mere safety of either ship or goods; namely that the goods, and each and every part of them, shall arrive by such a time that profits may accrue under a contract. [*Alderson B.* It is an insurance of the capacity to perform a contract.] Underwriters may enter into such an engagement; but they should have specific notice that they are doing so. Again, the present subject of insurance, as represented on the other side, is one on which perils of the sea, as the term is commonly understood, cannot operate. [*Alderson B.* Would a calm be a peril of the sea for this purpose?] The defendant in error must contend so. In the case of freight, a loss by destruction of the vessel is a total loss within the policy, though the goods

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are not on board: but there the peril insured against ~~is~~ a peril to ship or goods; and the destruction of it ~~is~~ takes away the possibility of earning freight. In ~~the~~ case of insurance on profits, the perils of the sea ~~is~~ they operate at all, must operate upon the tang~~ible~~ subject goods, and goods actually on board. If ~~the~~ *Edward Bilton* had been totally lost before any ~~rice~~ was on board, but the rice had been sent by another ship, and had arrived in time and been accepted, ~~then~~ would have been no loss by perils of the sea, within ~~the~~ meaning of this insurance. The loss which has ~~happ~~pened is not a loss by perils insured against, but ~~by~~ retardation of the voyage. No direct answer has ~~been~~ given to the question whether, if the voyage had ~~been~~ delayed one day beyond the end of *May*, or if one ~~or~~ two bags of rice only had been damaged, there would have been a loss within the meaning of the policy. This is, in effect, not an insurance upon profits in the ~~same~~ sense ascribed to the word on the other side, but on the arrival of the ship in a given time, and the ability of the assured to perform his contract.

Willes (with *Martin*) suggested that the declaration expressly averred that the plaintiff "did make assurance upon the expected profit on the said rice," and the plea admitted this. [*Cresswell* J. There is no admission: the plea is the General issue, by Statute. *Parke* B. It puts in issue every thing.] Stat. 11 G. 1. c. 30. s. 43. gives the Company power to plead "that they have not broke the covenant;" but it does not give any specific operation to the plea. [*Platt* B. Is not the effect of such an enactment, that the plea puts in issue every-thing?]

Cur. adv. vult.

PARKE B. now delivered the judgment of the Court. *Queen's Bench.*
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This case was argued before my brothers *Alderson, Maule, Rolfe, Cresswell, Platt, Williams, Talfourd* and myself, at the last sittings. The action is on a policy of assurance of the *Royal Exchange Assurance Company*. *ROYAL EX-CHANGE ASSURANCE*
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The declaration is out of the usual form. It states that, before the making of the policy, the plaintiff had agreed to buy of *Drouhet, Gardiner & Co.* 6000 bags of rice, then supposed to have been shipped at *Madras* on board the *Edward Bilton*, to arrive on or before the end of *May*, and guaranteed equal to samples, at 19s. a cwt., with other matters unnecessary to mention. It then states that the plaintiff agreed to sell the same 6000 bags, at 20s. 6d. per cwt., on the like terms; and that the plaintiff had just reason to expect, by reason of the contracts and the arrival of the rice, to make a profit of 675*l.*, and thereupon caused the policy in question to be effected on the said profit on the said rice, which said policy is set out. It states (his Lordship here read the material parts, as set out in the declaration).

Upon the special verdict the Court of Queen's Bench gave its judgment in favour of the plaintiff. On the argument before us, it was contended that this judgment was erroneous. And we think it was.

The first question discussed was, whether the plaintiff had an insurable interest in profits on the rice. Under the circumstances stated in the special verdict, we feel no doubt that he had; he had entered into a binding contract with *Drouhet & Co.*, by virtue of which he would have had a right to 6000 bags of rice delivered to him in *England* on the safe termination of the voyage of the *Edward Bilton* to *England*, with the

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whole of that quantity of rice on board, before the end of *May*; and he had made another contract to sell the rice in these events, by which contract he had secured a profit of 1s. 6d. a cwt. We have no doubt that the plaintiff might have recovered, in the events which have happened, a total loss, if he had been insured by a policy properly adapted to the case, and so drawn as to cover his special interest from the time that the rice was appropriated by the vendors, and ready to be shipped at *Madras*, and also to assure him against loss of the expected profits, not merely by the loss of all the rice by perils of the seas, but by the loss of any part of it, or the loss of the ship, or delay of the voyage beyond the month of *May*; in any of which contingencies this special interest in profits would have been entirely defeated.

If such an assurance had been made on this peculiar interest, against all these events, it is obvious that the underwriters would have required a much larger premium for insuring so complicated a risk than for an ordinary insurance by an owner on goods or profit on goods, which would be liable to loss only by perils of the seas or other accidents happening to the goods themselves.

But the question in this case arises on the policy declared upon, which is in most respects in the ordinary form, attaching the risk to the ship in the port and to the goods from the loading on board. And the decision of that question depends upon the true construction of the policy alone; the facts found by the special verdict not affording any ground for putting a different construction upon it than that which its words require. It is probable that the plaintiff meant to insure his

special interest, which was defeasible altogether on the happening of any one of four contingencies, the loss of the ship, or of the whole of the rice, or of part of the rice, or the delay of the voyage; and to insure against all of these contingencies happening by perils of the seas, or the other losses mentioned in the policy. Perhaps also he may have meant the policy to attach to goods on shore; but that is less probable, as he supposed the rice to be on board. The facts found do not enable us to say that the defendants meant to insure that interest, and against all those contingencies, if that circumstance would make any difference; for it is not found that they knew the nature of the interest at the time of the effecting of the policy. The true question is, what is the meaning of the words in the policy itself.

Upon the face of the policy, giving full effect to the written part of it, we think that the plaintiff is to be considered in the same situation, as to the liability, as if he had insured the ordinary profits of a parcel of rice shipped on board the particular vessel, that is, the additional value which it was expected to acquire at the termination of the voyage, and against the losses specified. If so, we think it clear that the policy attached only to such rice as was actually on board. The adventure begins on the said goods from and immediately after the loading on board: and we think the insurance on the profit or the additional value of the goods cannot begin at a different time; and, further, that the losses insured against by this policy are only the losses by perils of the seas directly affecting the goods and consequently the profit on the goods.

We do not mean to say that the special interest

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which the plaintiff had was not a "profit on rice," nor that it was not insured against certain risks by the policy in certain events. It is not necessary for the defendants to contend that there was a false description of the subject of the policy, so that the underwriters were not bound thereby to indemnify the plaintiff against some losses happening to it. We do not say the policy was void altogether, and the defendants not bound by it. Indeed we think the defendants must be taken to have insured those insurable profits in rice, which the plaintiff had, answering the description in the policy; and he is not stated to have had any other than that in question: but we are of opinion that, according to the terms of that policy, it attached only to profits arising from goods *actually put on board*, and indemnifies only against loss or damage to those goods, just as if ordinary profits of goods belonging to the owner of them had been insured thereby. The defendants, therefore, were not liable on the policy for the profit on rice not on board.

But it is not necessary for us to decide even this point; for, if the policy had attached to the profit of rice on shore, the defendants would certainly not have been liable for losses by perils of the seas, which did not *directly* affect them, but only other rice comprised in the same contract, the loss of which caused the loss of all the profit by reason of the special nature of that contract, which made the profit to depend on the safe arrival of the *whole* of the rice on board a *particular* vessel, and in a *certain time*. Who could suppose under such a policy as this that the defendants were to pay a total loss if perils of the seas caused a loss of the ship, or of any part of the rice, or a retardation of the

voyage? We think it clear that the defendants were not bound to indemnify against such events, entirely collateral to those on which ordinary profit on goods depends; so that, according to the true construction of the policy, it attached to the profit of no goods, nor has there been a loss of the profit of any goods by the perils insured against, except the 1200 sacks, which have been paid for by the money paid into Court. If indeed it attached to the profit of those on shore, there has been no loss of that profit by perils of the seas, but only a retardation of the voyage, for which the defendants are not responsible, unless on a policy specially providing for such an event.

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Judgment reversed.

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WEEDON *against* WOODBRIDGE.

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GREY and Others *against* FRIAR.

Reported, 15 Q. B. 901.

Wednesday,
January 23d.

GASKILL *against* SKENE.

Assumpsit for money had and received. Plea: Non assumpsit. Particular of demand, for "cash received by the defendant from D., being 10s. in the pound on a debt of 52*l.* 5*s.* at one time due from plaintiff to defendant, which had been previously paid by

ASSUMPSIT for money had and received. Pleas, except as to 16*l.* 12*s.*, parcel &c., Non assumpsit and Set-off; and as to 16*l.* 12*s.* payment into Court.

The plaintiff took the money out of Court; and issue was joined on the other pleas.

Particulars of demand.

"To cash received by the defendant of Mr. *Dobie* on the plaintiff's account, being 10*s.* in the pound on a debt of 52*l.* 5*s.* at one time due from the plaintiff to

plaintiff to defendant." On the trial, a letter from D. to defendant was received in evidence. It stated that, through an oversight, 10*s.* in the pound had been paid to the defendant, though the debt of 52*l.* 5*s.* had been previously satisfied by the payment of 39*l.* 10*s.* and the deduction of discount, and it requested that defendant would return the amount. No answer was sent. Evidence was given as to the payment of 39*l.* 10*s.* The Judge, in summing up, said that the statements in the letter were no evidence of the truth of the matters therein stated, but that the jury might draw an inference from the defendant's silence on receiving such a demand. And he left it to the jury to say, on the whole evidence, whether the debt of 52*l.* 5*s.* was or was not discharged before the payment referred to by D. Verdict for plaintiff.

Held, on motion for a new trial, that the letter was properly received, being in substance a demand, and containing such statements only as might fairly accompany a demand: and that there was no misdirection, as the payment of a smaller sum, with discount, was a sufficient discharge of the larger debt to bear out the allegation in the particular.

the defendant, which had been previously paid by the	Queen's Bench.
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To cash received by the defendant of
Mr. Dobie on the plaintiff's account, being
 10s. in the pound on account of a debt
 of 4*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* due from the plaintiff to
 the defendant - - -

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And the plaintiff gives credit for such
 debt of - - -

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£	23	19	9

On the trial, before Lord *Denman* C. J., at the sittings in *Middlesex* after *Hilary* term, 1849, it appeared that *Mr. Dobie* had been employed to compound with the plaintiff's creditors by paying each of them 10s. in the pound, and that he had paid defendant 26*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* as 10s. in the pound on a debt of 52*l.* 5*s.* Subsequently *Mr. Price*, who was employed as accountant for the plaintiff's estate, wrote four letters to the defendant, to which he received no answer. The plaintiff's counsel, having called for these letters, which were not produced, offered secondary evidence of their contents. The defendant's counsel objected that they could not be evidence unless it were shewn that the defendant in some way acted upon them. The Lord Chief Justice received the evidence. The first letter was as follows.

December 3. 1846.

“ *Mr. Dobie* has handed me your letter of the 26 *May* last, acknowledging the receipt of cheque for 26*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*, being 10s. in the pound on your former account of 52*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.* against *Mr. Gaskill*, and also inclosing

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another account for 4*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*, which latter claim not being included in my list of liabilities, he requested me, as accountant to the estate, to examine and arrange with you. I find this latter account correct in every respect; but, with regard to the former account, have just discovered that, through an oversight, it was sent to Mr. *Dobie* as being unpaid, although I now find it was settled by Mr. *Gaskill* himself in *October* last year in full by a cheque for 39*l.* 10*s.* which was never returned to Mr. *G.*'s clerk in the cash account, and was not consequently posted to your debit in the ledger, and therefore included in the list of creditors; you will be good enough therefore to look to your cash account of that date (*October* 1845), where you will find my statements correct, and I shall be happy to hear from you on the subject per return; and, if you will oblige me with the name of your *London* agent, I shall be happy to wait on him with the receipts for both payments; and we can then come to an arrangement as to the account for the 4*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*”

The other letters referred to this, and complained that no answer was given.

There was also evidence of a conversation with the defendant, in which he acknowledged that he had received the cheque for 39*l.* 10*s.*, but said he had agreed to take off only 5 per cent. discount from the 52*l.* 5*s.*, and had received the cheque on account of the balance, and not in discharge of the whole. A receipt for 47*l.* signed by the defendant was put in; but the sum of 47*l.* was written on an erasure; and it was not satisfactorily explained, on any hypothesis, how that sum was come to.

The Lord Chief Justice, in summing up, told the

jury that the letters were not evidence of the truth of the statements contained in them, but that the silence of the defendant after receiving such letters was a fact from which they might draw an inference. He left it to the jury to find for the plaintiff or defendant, according as they thought that the debt of 52*l.* 5*s.* had or had not been discharged before the payment by Mr. *Dobie*. Verdict for plaintiff. *O'Malley*, in the ensuing term, obtained a rule nisi for a new trial on the grounds of the improper reception of evidence, and of misdirection.

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M. Chambers and *Pigott* now shewed cause. The letters were properly received. In all cases where a statement either verbal or written is made to a party, it is evidence as explanatory of his conduct: if he does not contradict the statement, his silence is certainly not equivalent to an admission that the statement is true, and in many instances the inference against him arising from such silence is of no weight; but in such an instance as the present it is strong. This letter was not an officious communication, but a statement of facts within the defendant's knowledge, coupled with a demand on the defendant which, if the facts were true, the writer was entitled to make. No fair-dealing man in the defendant's position would have refrained from explaining the mistake of the writer, if there was one; and the jury might properly draw an inference from his not doing so. But it is sufficient to say that there are possible cases in which silence after a demand affords an inference against the party who is silent; for, if there is any such instance, the evidence is admissible, subject to observation on

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its weight in the particular case. As to the ~~mi~~ direction, the point made at the trial was that the ~~re~~ could not be a payment of a larger sum by a smaller ~~er~~; no doubt this is technically true: but, unless it is to be received as law that no agreement to take off discount can ever be binding, it must be a question for the jury whether the parties did agree to take off discount, be it large or small.

O'Malley and Spinks, contra. First: the letters were not admissible. When a party sends an answer to a letter, or after receiving it acts in a particular way, the letter may be evidence to explain the answer or the conduct; but it cannot be given in evidence without the answer; *Richards v. Frankum* (a); and the same point was ruled by *Patteson J.* at the *Ipswich Assizes* in an unreported case. If he does nothing, there is nothing to explain, and the letters are not evidence; *Fairlie v. Denton* (b). If notice was a part of the plaintiff's case, such part of the letter as amounted to notice might be evidence, but not the rest. But it was no part of the plaintiff's case that notice was given. It would be very mischievous if a plaintiff were permitted to prove his case by shewing that he stated it in a letter sent to the defendant, and that the defendant did nothing. Secondly: there was a misdirection. The particulars shew conclusively, as against the plaintiff, that the debt was once due and was 52*l.* 5*s.* That could not be satisfied by the payment of a smaller sum, 39*l.* 10*s.* The defendant might, the day after he received that sum, have

(a) 9 *Car. & P.* 221.

(b) 3 *Car. & P.* 103. *S. C.* (not *S. P.*) 8 *B. & C.* 395.

med for the balance of 12*l.* 15*s.*, and the plaintiff would have had no defence; *Fitch v. Sutton* (a); 1 *Smith's Lead. Ca.* 147 (3d ed.), note to *Cumber v. Ware* (b). There was no evidence in the present case that the amount was in dispute, or unliquidated: and the Judge ought to have told the jury that, even if the parties agreed to deduct the large discount, the balance of 19*l.* 16*s.* remained due from the plaintiff to the defendant; and consequently that the plaintiff was not entitled to recover the whole sum.

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PATTESON J. I think that the rule should be discharged. It is scarcely possible to make a demand without stating the circumstances under which it arose. Taking that into consideration, the letters here seem to me to amount to little more than a demand; and, if a letter making a demand on the defendant would be admissible in evidence without proof of his acting on it, these letters are admissible. In *Fairlie v. Denton* (c) a distinction was taken between that portion of the letter which amounted to a demand and the rest, Lord Tenterden admitting that part to be read. We do not therefore touch upon any decided case or set any bad precedent by saying that these letters, amounting to a demand on the defendant, were properly received in evidence against him. I do not think either that there was any misdirection. The Lord Chief Justice told the jury that, if they thought the parties had agreed to deduct the larger discount, the plaintiff was entitled to recover the whole

(a) 5 *East*, 230.

(b) 1 *Str.* 426.

(c) 3 *Car. & P.* 103.

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sum afterwards paid to the defendant. The jury took the plaintiff's view of the case; and, we are not now enquiring whether their verdict was against evidence or not. I think it would be going too far to say that the form of the particulars made it incumbent on the plaintiff to prove that there had been a payment in cash of 52*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.* All that he had to shew was the amount on which 10*s.* in the pound was paid to the defendant, and that the original debt was satisfied, either by payment in cash in full, or by a cash payment after discount was allowed. This he did prove; the defendant could not have been misled by the form of the particulars.

COLERIDGE J. I am of the same opinion. The rule in *Cumber v. Wane* (a) is not applicable to such a case as this. It is not in question here whether the payment of the debt after deducting discount could properly be pleaded as payment. The form of the pleadings leaves it open to shew a discharge in any way. As to the other point, I agree with the defendant's counsel that there may be a mischievous attempt to manufacture evidence by making a tricky statement of the party's case, and then offering it in evidence as having been served on the other party as a demand. I hope that, whenever such an unworthy attempt is made, the judge will take care to baffle it, either, when practicable, by striking out the improper statement, or, where that cannot be done, by cautioning the jury and making to them proper comments on the course pursued. But surely, when such letters as these were

(a) 1 *Stra.* 426.

sent to the defendant, his silence was evidence from which the jury might reasonably draw an inference.

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ERLE J. I also think the letters admissible. To make an intelligible demand, some statement of the facts on which the demand arises must be made. These letters do not go farther than was fair for that purpose. I also think there was no misdirection. It is true that, in pleading, a lesser sum cannot be treated as payment of a greater. But particulars of demand are to be construed, not as pleadings, but in the sense which the words bear in ordinary use. Now every one knows from his own private experience, and we judicially learn in the course of the trials before us, that a larger debt may, by a customary trade allowance, or by deducting discount or otherwise, be discharged by the payment of a smaller sum, and that in common language the account would then be said to be paid. It is in that sense that the particulars must be understood: and, that being so, the Lord Chief Justice left the proper question to the jury.

Rule discharged (a).

(a) Reported by *C. Blackburn, Esq.*

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Thursday,
January 31st.The WATERFORD, WEXFORD, WICKLOW and
DUBLIN Railway Company against LOGAN

Debt by a
Railway Com-
pany against
defendant, al-
leged to have
been the holder
of shares, for
calls alleged to
have been
"duly made."

Motion for
leave to plead:

1. Never in-
debted. 2. De-
fendant not

holder of shares.

DEBT. The declaration stated that defendant and is the holder of divers, to wit twenty, shares in the said Company, and was and is indebted to the Company in a large &c., viz. 30*l.*, in respect of a call of a certain sum, viz. 10*s.*, upon each of the said shares, theretofore made, viz. on 20th *February* 1847, duly made by the Company, and for and in respect of &c. (another call of 1*l.* per share, duly made on 22d *December*, 1847);

3. That defendant was put on the register by fraud of the plaintiffs.

4. That defendant was mentioned in the plaintiffs' special Act as having subscribed to the undertaking; that by such subscription he became holder of the shares: and that he was induced to subscribe by fraud of the plaintiffs.

6. That the calls were made for fraudulent purposes, known to plaintiffs, and the making of them was a fraud on defendant.

7. (retained by defendant on being put to his election between this and two similar pleas, 5 and 11.) That, before passing of the special act and formation of a register, and before the making of calls, defendant, an original subscriber, sold his scrip and interest, and the Company agreed with the vendee to register him for the shares, and that he should be the shareholder; but that they afterwards registered defendant for the shares against his will and that of the vendee; and that defendant never was the shareholder except as in this plea aforesaid.

8. Agreement between plaintiffs and defendant that the calls should be rescinded.

9. That the plaintiffs' act was obtained by fraud of the plaintiffs and others.

10. Traverse of the calls being duly made as alleged in the declaration.

12. That, when the calls were made, capital had not been bonâ fide subscribed to a certain amount required by the special Act, but part of such subscription had been fraudulently obtained by plaintiffs; that there were no subscriptions to the said amount; and that, until such subscriptions were made, plaintiffs had no power to make calls.

13. That notice of the calls was not duly given.

Pleas 1 and 2 were allowed.

Plea 3 was disallowed, as a plea to evidence, namely the anticipated evidence of the Register.

4. Disallowed as an inconsistent and bad plea.

6. Allowed.

7. Disallowed as an argumentative traverse of being shareholder.

8. Allowed.

9. Disallowed, as suggesting an inadmissible defence.

10. Disallowed, on the word "duly" being struck out of the declaration.

12. Allowed, as raising a fairly disputable question on the special Act and on the Companies and Lands Consolidation Acts, 1845.

13. Disallowed, the defence being proveable under *Nunquam indebitatus*.

reason of which sum of 30*l.* being unpaid, an action hath accrued to the said Company by virtue of stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c.* 16. (The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845), and of an act &c., 9 & 10 *Vict. c.* ccviii. (a), local and personal public, to demand from defendant &c.

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Defendant took out a summons to shew cause why he should not be at liberty to plead the several matters specified in the following abstract.

1. Never indebted.
2. Traverse of defendant being the holder of shares &c.
3. That defendant was put and placed on the register of shareholders of the Company, and was registered as a shareholder, by fraud of plaintiffs and others.
4. That defendant is one of the persons mentioned in plaintiffs' first act, 1846 (b), as having subscribed to the undertaking, by virtue of which subscription he became holder of the shares; that he was induced to so subscribe by the fraud of plaintiffs and others.
5. That defendant is one of the persons mentioned in the said act as having subscribed to the undertaking: that defendant did so subscribe; by virtue of which subscription he became holder of shares as alleged in

(a) "For making a railway and branch railway, to be called 'The Waterford, Wexford, Wicklow, and Dublin Railway.'" Sect. 1 expressly incorporates the Companies, Lands and Railways Clauses Consolidation Acts, 1845. An Act (referred to in the text, p. 676, post) 10 & 11 *Vict. c.* lxi., local and personal public, was passed in the following session of Parliament, "To authorize certain alterations of the line of the Waterford, Wexford, and Wicklow Railway, and to amend the Act relating thereto."

(b) Stat. 9 & 10 *Vict. c.* ccviii. s. 3., which enacted that certain persons named, and all other persons and corporations who have already subscribed or shall hereafter subscribe to the undertaking, and their executors, &c., respectively, shall be united into a company &c., and incorporated &c. By sect. 4, the Company's capital was to be 2,000,000*l.* Sect. 6 regulated the making of calls.

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the declaration: that, after the passing of plaintiff said act, and before any meeting of directors or shareholders was held &c., and before the making of said calls, and before making &c. of any register—shareholders under the statute, defendant agreed assign, transfer &c., and did transfer and deliver &c., said shares, and all defendant's interest therein and the said Company &c.; and the scrips, receipts, &c., were then delivered to the transferee: and that plaintiffs and the transferee agreed, with consent of defendant, that the transferee should be the holder &c. of the said shares instead of defendant, and that the transferee should be accepted and registered as holder of said shares: That defendant was afterwards registered against his will and against the will of the transferee; and that defendant was never the holder of said shares save as in this plea aforesaid.

6. That the calls were fraudulently made by plaintiff for certain fraudulent and illegal purposes &c. to the plaintiffs well known; and that the making of such calls was a fraud on the defendant.

7. That, before the passing of plaintiffs' first act 1846, and before any register of shareholders &c. was formed &c., and before making of the calls &c., defendant, being an original subscriber, agreed to sell, and sold &c., his scrip and interest in the plaintiffs' Company to a person whose name is to him unknown, and delivered the scrip to the purchaser. That the vendee applied to the plaintiffs to be registered as a shareholder; and that the Company and vendee agreed to register him, and that the vendee should be the holder of the said shares and be registered in respect thereof &c. That the Company afterwards registered defendant's

name for said shares and interest against his will and against the will of the vendee; and that defendant never was the holder of the said shares except as in this plea aforesaid.

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8. That, after the accruing of the causes of action in the declaration mentioned, it was agreed between plaintiffs and defendant and others that the calls should be rescinded &c., and that defendant should not be called upon to pay the said calls: that such agreement was accepted in satisfaction of said causes of action.

9. That the plaintiffs' first act of parliament, first mentioned in the declaration, was obtained by fraud &c. of plaintiffs and others.

10. Traverse of calls being duly made as alleged in the declaration.

11. That defendant is one of the persons mentioned in plaintiffs' first act as having subscribed &c.: that he became holder of the said shares as mentioned in the declaration: that, before the passing of said act, and before the making of calls, defendant sold the said shares, and the scrip after mentioned, and all his interest under such contract; and the said scrip receipts &c. were then delivered over to said vendee (such scrip having been given to defendant by plaintiffs as representing his share and interest in plaintiffs' undertaking): that the vendee, after the passing of the said first act, and before the making of the calls &c., applied to plaintiffs to register him as holder of the said shares: that plaintiffs refused to do so, and, against the wish of the vendee and the defendant, and before the making of the calls, registered defendant as the holder of the shares: and that defendant was not holder of shares except as in this plea aforesaid.

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12. That, at the times &c. of making of the ~~calls~~, the capital of the plaintiffs, required by the first ~~Act~~ mentioned in the declaration (*a*), and by a second ~~Act~~ relating to plaintiffs' Company (1847 (*b*)), to the extent of 1,500,000*l.*, had not been bonâ fide subscribed for as required by the said Acts &c.; but that a great portion of such subscription was fraudulently obtained by the plaintiffs: that there were no subscriptions to the amount aforesaid at the times of making of ~~the~~ calls &c.; and that plaintiffs had no power to make calls until such subscription was made.

13. That no notice of calls was duly given.

On the hearing of the summons, *Erle J.* allowed the 1st, 2d, 8th, and 13th pleas, and disallowed the rest.

Prentice, in this term (*c*), moved that the order of *Erle J.* might be rescinded as to the disallowance, and all the pleas allowed. It appeared, on affidavit in support of the motion, that shareholders in default, to the amount of 80,000*l.*, had disputed the legality of the calls and refused to pay them; that actions in which the legality of the calls was disputed had been brought in the Court of Exchequer, and consolidated; and that this was stated to *Erle J.*, who disallowed

(*a*) 8 & 9 *Vict.* c. 16. is the first act mentioned; but stat. 9 & 10 *Vict.* c. ccviii. seems to be intended.

(*b*) Stat. 10 & 11 *Vict.* c. lxi. s. 22. referred to the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, and enacted that, when and so soon as 1,500,000*l.* should have been subscribed, and the subscription thereof certified in manner required by the Act of 1845 as to subscription of the whole capital, it should be lawful for the Company to put in force all the powers of the Act authorizing the construction of the railway, as to that portion which is situate between the *Dublin* and *Kingstown* railway and the town of *Wexford*.

(*c*) January 17th. Before *Patteson*, *Coleridge* and *Erle Js.*

the pleas (except as above stated), observing that, by this course, he should give an opportunity for bringing the question of their validity before the full Court. The affidavit also stated that the pleas as to the register of shareholders were disallowed by his Lordship as being pleas to evidence, and because the same questions were opened under the 1st and 2nd pleas allowed: that the pleas as to the transfers were disallowed, because the defences would be open under the 1st and 2nd pleas: that the pleas as to fraud were disallowed, because, if the fraud could be set up, the other pleas gave the opportunity: that the 10th plea was disallowed "as being open under the 1st and 2nd pleas" (a): and that the 12th plea was disallowed as not having reasonable grounds, and in exercise of the discretion of the Judge under the statute of *Anne* (b). There was an affidavit of merits.

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Prentice contended, as to the 3d plea, that, although it might seem to be a plea only to evidence, which evidence was the register, the substance was that defendant's name was on the register by fraud. It is true that, under stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 16. sects. 8, 28*, the register is *primâ facie* evidence that the party named is a shareholder: but he may be wrongfully there, after a transfer of his share, the Company refusing to register the transferee, and thereby keeping the transferor liable to calls, as the plaintiff was in *Sayles v. Blane* (c). [*Patteson J.* The defence is, not that the defendant was fraudulently registered, but

(a) So in the affidavit.

(b) 4 *Ann. c. 16. s. 4.*

(c) *Antè*, p. 205.

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that the plaintiffs fraudulently refused to register another person. *Coleridge J.* The allegation of being "registered" as a shareholder implies the act of registration itself. *Erle J.* I thought that, if the name was on the register by fraud, the mere fact of its being there was not more than *prima facie* evidence (a), and the defence would be let in by the plea that defendant was not a shareholder. *Coleridge J.* You are charged by the declaration as being the holder of divers shares; and you traverse that.] Under stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 16. s. 8. a party, to be deemed a shareholder, and so liable to calls, must be both a holder of shares and registered. The defendant here both denies being holder, and contends that he is on the register by fraud; and fraud must be specially pleaded. The defence raised by plea 4 is that the defendant was deceived into subscribing. The plea is like that of infancy, which has been several times discussed in actions for calls (b), and may, with proper averments, be a defence. [*Coleridge J.* Supposing you prove a fraud of individuals, A., B. and C., before the formation of the Company, how is that a fraud of the Company?] It is the fraud of the promoters; and the Company cannot disclaim their proceeding; *Edwards v. Grand Junction Railway Company* (c). Plea 5 is not a mere denial of being holder, and ought to be allowed. A person not on the register may be a shareholder for the purpose of holding scrip, yet not for the purpose of being liable to

(a) See *West Cornwall Railway Co. v. Mowatt*, 15 Q. B. 521.

(a) See *Cork and Bandon Railway Company v. Cazenove*, 10 Q. B. 935; *Newry and Enniskillen Railway v. Coombe*, 3 Exch. 565; *Birkenhead, Lancashire, and Cheshire Junction Railway Company v. Pilcher*, 5 Exch. 24; *Dublin and Wicklow Railway Company v. Black*, 8 Exch. 181.

(c) 7 Sim. 337., 1 Mylne & Cr. 650.

11s; *Newry and Enniskillen Railway Company v. Edwards*(a). This plea shews that the defendant was placed in the condition of liability contrary to agreement. A like argument applies to pleas 7 and 11. Plea 6 is not that the Company will apply the produce of the calls to illegal purposes, but that the calls were expressly made for such purposes: it therefore raises a legitimate question. To plea 9 the objection is that an act of parliament cannot be supposed to have been obtained fraudulently. But acts like the present have often been looked upon in the light of private contracts; and it is laid down generally in 7 *Bac. Abr.* 436, 437. (7th ed.), tit., *Statute* (A), that a statute may be void as being against common right or reason, or natural equity. As to plea 10: the declaration states that the calls were duly made; and, the term "duly" being so indefinitely used, the defendant could not safely omit traversing the averment. Plea 12 raises a bonâ fide question, whether stat. 10 & 11 *Vict. c. lxi. s. 22.* restrains the making of calls, or only the laying down of the railway.

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Cur. adv. vult.

PATTESON J., on a subsequent day of the term (*January 26th*), said: The third plea we think ought not to be allowed, because it is in truth nothing more than an assumption that the plaintiffs will attempt to prove that the defendant is a shareholder by the production of the register: it is by anticipation shewing that the register is not conclusive; which is nothing more than pleading to the evidence. The 4th plea

(a) 2 *Exch.* 118.

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we think is inconsistent in itself; because it shews the face of it that the defendant had subscribed the undertaking before the act of Parliament incorporating the Company had passed; yet it goes to say that he became a subscriber to the Company the fraud of the plaintiffs: therefore it alleges that became a subscriber by the fraud of the Company, which did not exist at the time when he subscribed. That plea therefore, cannot be allowed. The 5th, 7th and 11th pleas seem to be the same plea in different forms: therefore the defendant must elect to take one of those pleas. With respect to the 6th plea: the abstract, which is very short, only says that the calls were made fraudulently by the plaintiffs for certain fraudulent and illegal purposes to the plaintiffs well known. I do not know whether it is meant to state by the plea in extenso what those fraudulent purposes were, or merely to say, some fraudulent purposes to the plaintiffs well known. If it is meant to set out what the fraudulent purposes were, we think there may be a rule to shew why the plea may not be allowed, but not in those general terms. The 9th plea, that the Act was obtained by the fraud of the plaintiffs, we think cannot be allowed. The 10th seems to be a traverse of the calls being duly made. I have not seen the declaration; but we have learnt from my brother *Erle* that that traverse was on account of the word "duly" being in the declaration. It was supposed that some particular effect was to be given to the word "duly:" and therefore we think there may be a rule in respect of the 10th plea, unless the plaintiffs will strike the word "duly" out of the declaration. On the 12th plea the defendant may have a rule. The 13th plea is that there was no notice of the calls; and

I believe it has been decided over and over that that *Queen's Bench.*
may be given in evidence under *Nunquam indebitatus*; 1850.
that plea, therefore, cannot be allowed.

Rule to shew cause why defendant should
 not be at liberty to plead pleas 6, 7, 10
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Butt and *Peacock*, in the same term (*January 31st*), shewed cause. As to plea 6: in *London and Brighton Railway Company v. Wilson (a)* a plea, "that the calls were made for other purposes than those warranted by the Act," was held inadmissible. *The South Eastern Railway Company v. Hebblewhite (b)* is to the same effect. The Company stand in the situation of trustees; and the plea imports a charge against them which cannot be made in a Court of law. The defence under plea 7 is, virtually, that the defendant is not a shareholder de jure; and that may be proved under the first two pleas; *Shropshire Union Railway and Canal Company v. Anderson (c)*, *Birkenhead, Lancashire, and Cheshire Junction Railway Company v. Brownrigg (d)*. The plea is an argumentative denial of the defendant's holding. As to plea 10, the plaintiffs are content to strike the word "duly" out of the declaration. As to plea 12, the reference there to the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act is erroneous. The exercise of power contemplated by stat. 10 & 11 *Vict. c. lxi. s. 22. (e)*, after subscription of a certain capital, is not the making calls, but

(a) 6 *New Ca.* 135.

(b) 12 *A. & E.* 497.

(c) 3 *Exch.* 401.

(d) 4 *Exch.* 426. *Butt* also referred to stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 16. ss. 21. 26, 27.*

(e) See p. 676, note (b) *antè*.

make a call because they intend devoting the money to an illegal purpose.] Suppose the directors intended to divide it among themselves and abscond. [*Wightman J.* Is there any authority to shew that that would be an answer?] Other suppositions may be made; as, that some of the shareholders were paupers, and the call was made for the purpose of being enforced nominally against all, but really against the solvent ones only. Or that the directors had constructed a mile or two of railway, and made a call, not intending to construct the remainder, but to misappropriate the money. There is no authority to shew that a plea of fraud, generally, is not good. The defence in plea 7 is not included in the traverse of being shareholder. It admits that the defendant is so in one sense, but denies the liability which circumstances may appear to cast upon him in that character, alleging that he sold his interest before the formation of a register; that the Company agreed to register the vendee, and that the defendant was registered in violation of that agreement; that the same person was not entitled to the shares and registered as proprietor. The position of the defendant here is the same as that of the defendant in *Midland Great Western Railway Company (Ireland) v. Gordon(a)*: but the point now made was not discussed there. [*Wightman J.* The pleas there were *Nunquam indebitatus*, and That defendant was not a shareholder. The second plea here makes it incumbent on the plaintiffs to prove the defendant such a shareholder as would be liable.] As to plea 12, stat. 10 & 11 *Vict. c. lxi. s. 22.*, there referred to, enables the Company, on sub-

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(a) 16 *M. & W.* 804. See *Waterford, Wexford, Wicklow, and Dublin Railway Company v. Pidcock*, 8 *Exch.* 279.

the practice of these Sessions for more than sixteen years to require such notice. The Justices allowed the objection and dismissed the appeal. A rule nisi was thereupon obtained for a mandamus to the justices to enter continuances and hear. The respondents shewed cause; and *Erle J.*, in the Bail Court, made the rule absolute, holding that the Sessions had no right to impose the condition insisted upon (a). The Sessions, in obedience to the writ, heard the appeal; and the order of removal was confirmed. A rule nisi was then obtained for costs of the mandamus, under stat. 1 W. 4. c. 21. s. 6. Affidavit was made in opposition to the rule, stating the long continuance of the practice relied upon at the Sessions; that the grounds of appeal originally delivered raised various questions, of merits and form, other than that discussed in the Bail Court; that additional grounds were served after the rule for a mandamus had been made absolute; that, on the ultimate hearing of the appeal, the merits of the settlement were established in proof by the respondents, and not disputed on the other side; and that the respondents had only recovered, on the appeal, for costs, 40s., the usual nominal costs allowed by the Session. Their actual costs "in the said appeal and in this matter" had amounted to 53l.

Otter now shewed cause. The practice now established is, that "the party who succeeds in the Court below, upon an objection which turns out to be ill founded, and resists an application for a mandamus to correct the error, by shewing cause against it, shall be subject to the application of the general rule for

(a) *Regina v. Justices of Surrey*, 6 Dowl. & L. 735. Easter term, 1849.

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the payment of the costs by the unsuccessful party; subject to exceptions which the Court may make in particular cases in the exercise of their general jurisdiction over the costs;" per *Wightman J.* in *Regina v. Justices of Cumberland* and *Regina v. Justices of Lancashire (a)*. The present should be deemed an excepted case. The respondents, who failed in this Court, had not mistaken the general law, as was done in some of the cases discussed before *Wightman J.*, but had been misled by the erroneous practice of the Sessions. And counsel here could not avoid calling the attention of the Justices to their own rules. In *Regina v. The Justices of the West Riding (Sheffield v. Crich (b))*, where the error had arisen from wrong practice of the Justices or their Clerk, this Court refused costs of the mandamus [*Wightman J.* The general rule seems to be the convenient one; that the party who has taken a point, and maintained it, gets the costs.] The question here was difficult; and judgment was reserved: in such cases costs of mandamus have been refused; *Rex v. The Lord of the Manor of Oundle (c)*, *Rex v. The Commissioners of the Thames and Isis Navigation (d)*.

Pashley, contra. *Regina v. The Justices of the West Riding (b)* has been followed by many cases, particularly *Regina v. Justices of Cumberland* and *Regina v. Justices of Lancashire (a)*, in which a different practice has prevailed. (He was then stopped by the Court.)

PATTESON J. It is best to adhere to the broad rule, that, where a mandamus is applied for and granted, the

(a) 5 Dowl. & L. 430. See *Regina v. Mayor &c. of Newbury*, 1 Q. B. 751. 762.; *Regina v. Justices of Surrey*, 9 Q. B. 37.

(b) 5 Q. B. 1. 10.

(c) 1 A. & E. 283. 299., note (c).

(d) 5 A. & E. 804.]

party who fails in this Court must pay costs, unless under very peculiar circumstances. We must consider the point settled by *Regina v. Justices of Cumberland* and *Regina v. Justices of Lancashire (a)*.

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COLERIDGE and WIGHTMAN Js. concurred.

Rule absolute.

(a) 5 Dowl. & L. 490.

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[INDICTMENT (removed into this Court by certiorari) for nuisance by obstructing a public highway, described in all the counts as a carriage way, without mention of a right, or obstruction, of passage on foot. Plea: Not guilty. The prosecutors were "The Trustees of the *Bermondsey, Rotherhithe, and*

The Railways
Clauses Con-
solidation Act,
1845, 8 & 9
Vict. c. 20. s.
49., enacts that,
when a railway
is carried over
a "turnpike
road" by a
bridge, the

width of the arch shall be such as to leave thereunder a clear space of not less than 35 feet: other dimensions are given in the cases of a "public carriage road" and a "private road." Sect. 51 provides that, wherever the average available width, for the passage of carriages, of any existing roads, is less than the width hereinbefore prescribed for bridges over the railway, the width of such bridges need not be greater than such average available width; but so, nevertheless, that such bridges be not of less width in the case of a turnpike or public carriage road than 20 feet: and that, if such average available width shall be at any time increased beyond the width of such bridge, the Railway Company shall be bound to widen the bridge to such extent as they may be required by the trustees or surveyors of the road, not exceeding the width of the road as so widened, or the maximum width herein or in the special Act prescribed for a bridge in like case over the railway.

The effect of the last clause is, that, if the average available width for the passage of carriages on any road is more than 35 feet, the road may be narrowed to 35 feet under the arch; where it is less, the arch may be made of the same width as the road, so that it be not less than 20 feet wide: if the road be afterwards widened, the arch must be widened in proportion, up to, but not beyond, 35 feet.

In this reckoning, footpaths are not to be taken into account. Therefore, where the road, including footpaths, was 43 feet wide, but without them only 28, and the railway arch, 35 feet in width, stood partly upon and narrowing the footpath, but left the carriage way of its original width: Held, on indictment for obstructing the carriage way, that stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 20. (ss. 49. 51.), and a railway act incorporating it, were complied with.

Although the special Act provided that, wherever the railway crossed the road otherwise than at right angles, the bridge should be made with a skew arch (which had been done in this instance), "so as not in any manner to alter the direction of or interfere with the line of the said roads, or the footpaths to the same."

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Deptford Roads." On the trial, before Lord Dea-
man C. J., at the *Maidstone* Spring assizes, 1848,
verdict of Guilty was found, subject to the opinion of
this Court on a case, the material parts of which are
as follows.

By stat. 6 & 7 *Vict. c. cviii.*, local and personal
public, "for more effectually repairing certain roads
in the parishes of *Bermondsey*," &c., "and for making
several new roads" &c., certain persons were appointed
trustees to carry the act into effect, under the name
"The Trustees" &c. (as above). By sect. 8, certain
roads are described, for the improving, maintaining and
keeping in repair of which it is enacted that the said
Act shall be put in execution (a).

By stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 20.* (The Railways Claus—

(a) The following clauses of stat. 6 & 7 *Vict. c. cviii.* were also referred
to in the argument for the Crown.

Sect. 59. "And whereas it was provided by the said recited Act" (4 *G*
c. lxxxiv., local and personal, public, 'for more effectually repairing'
'certain roads in the several parishes of *St. Mary Magdalen Bermondsey*
&c., in *Surrey* and *Kent*) "and in the act therein recited, that no building
should be erected by any proprietor or occupier of the lands adjacent
to the roads thereby directed to be made and repaired, or other person
within 10 feet on either side of the said roads where the same are of
width of 40 feet or upwards, and within 30 feet from the centre of
said roads where the same are of less width than 40 feet, and if any
building should be thereafter erected contrary to the true intent
meaning of the said act the same should be deemed a common nuisance
be it therefore enacted, that no erection or building shall be erected
by any proprietor or occupier of lands adjacent to the said roads or any
them, or by any other person, within the distance of 10 feet on either side
of the said roads where the same are of the width of 40 feet or upwards,
and within 30 feet from the centre of the said roads where the same are
of less width than 40 feet, and if any such erection or building shall be
hereafter erected contrary to the true intent and meaning of this Act,
such proprietor or occupier or other person shall forfeit any sum not ex-
ceeding" &c.

Sect. 68. "And be it enacted, That all and every the footpaths on the

Consolidation Act, 1845) it is enacted: The case then set out the enactment of sect. 1, incorporating this Act with all future railway Acts: the interpretations, in sects. 2, 3, of the words "The Special Act," "The undertaking," "The Company" and "The Railway:" the enactments of sect. 16, that, "subject to the provisions and restrictions in this and the special act, and any act incorporated therewith, it shall be lawful for the Company, for the purpose of constructing the railway, or the accommodation works connected therewith hereinafter mentioned, to" "make or construct in, upon, across, under, or over any lands, or any streets," "roads, railroads" &c., "within the lands described in the said plans, or mentioned in the said books of reference or any correction thereof, such temporary or permanent inclined planes, tunnels, embankments, aqueducts, bridges, roads, ways, passages, conduits, drains, piers, arches, cuttings, and fences as they think proper:" and that "They may do all other acts necessary for making, maintaining, altering, or repairing, and using the railway." The case also referred to, and in part set out, sects. 46 and 49, as to the crossing of roads and construction of bridges (a).

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sides of or adjoining to the said roads shall be and the same are hereby declared to be subject to the regulations of this act, and to be part of the said roads, and, unless the same shall be paved or pitched, shall be repaired and amended by the said trustees by such ways and means and in such manner as the said roads are and shall be repaired and amended."

(a) Stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 20, s. 46. enacts that: "If the line of the railway cross any turnpike road or public highway, then (except where otherwise provided by the special Act) either such road shall be carried over the railway, or the railway shall be carried over such road, by means of a bridge, of the height and width and with the ascent or descent by this or the special Act in that behalf provided."

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In the year 1845, *The London and Croydon Railway Company* became the promoters of a proposed branch railway to commence by a junction with *The London and Croydon Railway* in the parish of *Saint Paul, Deptford*, in *Surrey*, passing &c. (the direction as described in the case), and to terminate in the parish of *Saint Paul, Deptford*; with all proper works and conveniences &c. The line of such proposed branch

Sect. 49 enacts that: "Every bridge to be erected for the purpose of carrying the railway over any road shall (except where otherwise provided by the special Act) be built in conformity with the following regulations (that is to say,) *The width of the arch shall be such as to leave thereunder clear space of not less than 35 feet if the arch be over a turnpike road, and of 25 feet if over a public carriage road, and of 12 feet if over a private road*: The clear height of the arch from the surface of the road shall not be less than 16 feet for a space of 12 feet if the arch be over a turnpike road, and 15 feet for a space of 10 feet if over a public carriage road; and in each of such cases the clear height at the springing of the arch shall not be less than 12 feet."

Sect. 50 enacts that, whenever a bridge is erected for carrying a railway over the railway, then (unless it be otherwise provided by the Special Act) "the road over the bridge shall have a clear space between the fences thereof of 35 feet if the road be a turnpike road, and 25 feet if a public carriage road, and 12 feet if a private road."

Sect. 51 is as follows. "Provided always, That in all cases where the average available width for the passage of carriages of any existing roads within 50 yards of the points of crossing the same is less than the width hereinbefore prescribed for bridges over or under the railway, the width of such bridges need not be greater than such average available width of such roads, but so nevertheless that such bridges be not of less width, in the case of a turnpike road or public carriage road, than 20 feet. Provided also, that if at any time after the construction of the railway the average available width of any such road shall be increased beyond the width of such bridge on either side thereof, the Company shall be bound, at their own expense, to increase the width of the said bridge to such extent as they may be required by the trustees or surveyors of such road, not exceeding the width of such road as so widened, or the maximum width herein or in the special act prescribed for a bridge in the like case over or under the railway."

railway crosses two of the roads under the jurisdiction of the said trustees, viz. a turnpike road called *Trundley's Lane*, and a turnpike road called *Lower Deptford Road*, which last mentioned road is the road in question in this case. (The direction and termini of the latter road were then stated.) This road is a public highway, and had been used as such by the public for upwards of forty years continually before and up to the times of the excavations hereinafter mentioned.

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The case then set forth some proceedings relative to the bringing in and passing of the Special Act, which it is unnecessary to state. It then proceeded:

Under these circumstances the bill was passed, and became an act of parliament, viz. stat. 9 & 10 *Vict. c. ccxxxiv.*, local and personal, public, whereby *The London and Croydon Railway Company* were empowered to make and maintain the said branch railway.

By sect. 1 of the last mentioned act it is (amongst other things) enacted, that all the provisions, matters and things contained in The Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, "shall, so far as the same are applicable, extend to this act, and to the several purposes and things hereby authorised, as fully" as if therein reenacted.

Sect. 3 is as follows. "And whereas plans and sections of the Branch Railway shewing the lines and levels thereof, and also books of reference containing the names of the owners, lessces, and occupiers, or reputed owners, lessees, and occupiers of the lands through which the same is intended to pass, have been deposited with the clerks of the peace of the counties of *Surrey* and *Kent*; be it enacted, that, subject to the provisions in this act and the said recited acts contained,

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it shall be lawful for the Company to make and maintain the Branch Railway and works in the line and upon the lands delineated on the said plans and described in the said books of reference, and to enter upon, take, and use such of the said lands as shall be necessary for such purpose."

By sect. 19 it is enacted: "That in every case in which the said railway shall cross any of the roads under the jurisdiction of the said trustees" (meaning the trustees of the *Bermondsey, Rotherhithe* and *Deptford* roads), "otherwise than at right angles, the bridges over the same shall be built with skew arches, so as not in any manner to alter the direction of or interfere with the line of the said roads, or the footpaths to the same" (a).

By stat. 9 & 10 *Vict.* c. cclxxxiii., local and personal act, public, the *London and Brighton* and the *London and Croydon* Railway Companies, and all the undertakings belonging to them, were consolidated, and the said Companies incorporated as one, by the name of *The London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway*: and by

(a) Sect. 18 of stat. 9 & 10 *Vict.* c. ccxxxiv. was also referred to in the course of the argument. It enacts: "That the said railway shall be carried over *Trundley's Lane* at the expence of the said Company by means of a bridge of the width of at least 30 feet, with a square soffit and with a side arch for the footpath of the width of at least 6 feet separate from the centre arch, by pillars, and the centre arch of the said bridge over *Trundley's Lane* shall be of a height from the present surface of *Trundley's Lane* to the centre of the soffit of such arch of not less than 13 feet 6 inches, and the side arch of the same bridge shall be of a height from the surface of the footpath to the centre of such soffit of not less than 10 feet: Provided always, that if the trustees of the *Bermondsey, Rotherhithe*, and *Deptford* roads shall think it desirable to lower *Trundley's Lane*, and shall lower the same, so that the then surface of *Trundley's Lane* shall be not more than 15 feet from the centre of the soffit of the proposed bridge, then the said Company shall repay to the trustees all sums of money necessarily expended by them in and about such lowering of the surface of the said lane."

sect. 27 the new Company is invested with all powers to make branches and extensions which had been or should be granted to either of the two Companies now consolidated.

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The line of the said branch railway crosses the *Lower Deptford Road* otherwise than at right angles, at a point in the parish of *Saint Paul Deptford* in the county of *Kent*. The said road, at the point where the above mentioned line of railway crosses it, is a road of considerable traffic, being one of the two principal thoroughfares between *London* and *Deptford*. The average width of the carriage way of the said road at the said points of crossing, and for 50 yards on either side of the same, had been for upwards of forty years immediately before the making the excavations, and building the piers, hereinafter mentioned, and still is, 28 feet; and the average width of the footpaths on the east side of such part of the said carriage way had been, for upwards of forty years immediately before the making the excavations and building the said piers, 7 feet 3 inches, and on the west side thereof 8 feet 3 inches; the average width of such part of the said road during such last mentioned period, including both the said footpaths, being 43 feet 6 inches.

On 20th *August* 1847, the defendants, acting under the authority and command of *The London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Company*, and for the purpose of building the bridge hereinafter mentioned over the said road, as the same is described in the plan and sections so deposited as aforesaid, excavated portions of the footpaths on both sides of the said road at the above mentioned point, in a direction parallel to the line of the said road, to an extent of 4 feet out of the

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footpath on one side of the said road, and to the width of (a) out of the footpath on the other side of the said road; and the said two excavations were continued for some days, and were 6 feet deep. The clear width of road and footpaths, taken together, which was left between the edges of such two excavations (measured in a line at right angles with the edges of such excavations), was 36 feet. Afterwards the defendants proceeded to fill up the said excavations with brickwork, in order to form the piers of a certain bridge by which the said branch railway was to be carried over the said road at the said point; and they did fill up the said excavations with brickwork, and erect piers for the said bridge therein to the height and in the manner hereinafter mentioned. When the works had proceeded until the foundations of the said piers were level and (b) the surface of the said footpaths, the said trustees filed a bill in Her Majesty's High Court of Chancery. The case then stated the obtaining of an ex parte injunction, and other proceedings in Chancery, the result of which was the present indictment, but which it is unnecessary to detail. It then proceeded:

The said road was never entirely closed in consequence of the said excavation, or during the building of the said piers and bridge: and the traffic along the said road, except such part of it on which the said piers were so erected, continued, and still does continue, as before the building of the said bridge. By the building of these piers, each of the said footpaths was narrowed to the extent aforesaid: and the said piers have been continued from thence to the present time, and are respectively 17 feet in height and 35 feet in width, in a direction parallel to the line of the said road and

(a) Blank in the case.

(b) Sic.

footpaths: and afterwards the defendants built the said **bridge** over the said road upon the said piers, and have continued the said bridge so erected from thence **hitherto**. And the said bridge is built with a flat skew **arch**, so as not in any manner to alter the direction of or **interfere** with the line of the said roads, or the **foot-paths** to the same, except so far as the facts in this case **constitute** any such alteration or interference. The **said** road is still narrowed and obstructed by the said **bridge** and the said piers to the extent aforesaid. The **clear** space under the said bridge, measured in the **direction** of the line of the arch and of the said railway, is **37 feet 8 inches**; and the clear space under the said **bridge**, measuring in a line at right angles with the face of the said piers, is 36 feet; and the height of the said **bridge** to the soffit thereof is 17 feet. The width of **the** footpath now left on each side of the said bridge is (**having** regard to the traffic on the said footpaths) too **narrow** for the free passage of persons on foot along the **said** footpaths: and, if the said footpaths were to be **widened** by adding to them a portion of the said carriage-way, the said carriage way would be thereby rendered too **narrow** for the free passage of horses and carriages, **having** regard to the number of horses and carriages **daily** passing along the said carriage way.

The pleadings, and a copy of the plans, sections and **books** of reference, certified by the clerk of the peace, were to be taken as part of the case.

The question for the opinion of this Court was, **whether** or not the defendants were guilty of all or **any** of the nuisances charged in the respective counts: and the verdict was to be entered for the Crown or for **the** defendants, according to the opinion of the Court.

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The special case was argued in *Trinity Term* (January 6th), 1849 (a).

Sir *F. Thesiger*, for the Crown, referred to sects. 6 and 68 of stat. 6 & 7 *Vict. c. cviii.*; sects. 1, 49, and 51 of stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 20.*; and sects. 18 and 19 of stat. 9 & 10 *Vict. c. ccxxxiv.* He mentioned *Attorney-General v. Southampton Railway Company* as an authority likely to be cited for the defendants but relied upon the notice of that case in *Regina v. The Birmingham and Gloucester Railway Company*. And he referred also to *Regina v. The London & Birmingham Railway Company (d)*, which, however, observed was decided under an Act differently worded from stat. 9 and 10 *Vict. c. ccxxxiv.*

Sir *J. Jervis*, Attorney General, contra, commented upon sects. 3, 18 and 19 of the last mentioned Act and sects. 16, 49 and 51 of stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 20* and relied upon *Attorney-General v. Southampton Railway Company (b)* as a direct authority for the defendants.

Sir *F. Thesiger* replied.

The judgment of the Court makes a more particular report of the arguments unnecessary.

Cur. adv. vult.

PATTESON J., in this term (January 16th), delivered judgment as follows.

This was an indictment for nuisance to a turnpike road by building on it the piers of a railway bridge,

(a) Before Lord Denman C. J., Patteson, Coleridge and Erle J.

(b) 9 *Sim.* 78.

(c) 2 *Q. B.* 47.

(d) 1 *Rail. Ca.* 317. (At nisi prius, Feb. 15, 1839.)

and narrowing it by such building. All the counts in the indictment charge the nuisance to be to the carriage road: nothing is said about a foot road, throughout. For forty years before the building of the bridge the average width of the carriage road for 50 yards on each side of the spot where the bridge is now erected was 28 feet, and the foot path on one side was 8 feet 3 inches, and on the other 7 feet 3 inches. The piers of the bridge stand on the foot path on each side; they are each 4 feet wide, and are built parallel to the line of the carriage road, not directly opposite to each other, as the bridge is a skew bridge. The effect is, that the carriage road remains as it was before, 28 feet wide: but the footpaths are each narrowed; and the carriage road and footpaths together, which formerly were 43 feet 6 inches, are now only 36 feet. These are the dimensions stated in the case; but, if the piers occupy 8 feet, it would follow that the total width is now only 35 feet 6 inches. Whether the difference of 6 inches can be accounted for by the circumstance of the piers not being directly opposite to each other does not appear; but we do not think it material to our decision.

The prosecutors relied much on the 19th section of the special local act, 9 & 10 Vict. c. ccxxxiv., which provides that, in every case in which the railway shall cross the road otherwise than at right angles, the bridges shall be made with skew arches, so as not in any manner to alter the direction of or interfere with the line of the said roads, or the footpaths to the same. The object of this section is plain, namely, to prevent the Railway Company from turning or bending the road so as to carry it at right angles under any bridge over which the railway passes, and again turning or

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bending it back on the other side of the bridge to its former direction and line: but the section does not touch or affect any question as to the width of the bridge or the narrowing of the road. The railway Company have complied with the section by erecting a skew bridge.

The question in this case depends upon the construction of stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 20.*, The Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845. Now by that act it is provided that there shall be a clear space of 35 feet if the arch be over a turnpike road; provided that, where the average available width for the passage of *carriages* is less than the width thereinbefore prescribed, the width of the bridges need not be greater than such average available width, but so as not to be less in the case of a turnpike road than 20 feet. It is further provided that, if the average available width of the road be afterwards increased, the Railway Company shall increase the width of their bridge i required, to an extent not exceeding the width of th road so widened, “or the *maximum* width herein or i the special act prescribed for a bridge in the like case over or under the railway.”

Much discussion took place on the argument as to the word “maximum:” but the meaning of the Legislature is very plain. Where the average available width for the *passage of carriages* on any road exceeds 35 feet, it may be narrowed to 35 feet under the arch; for the arch is only required to be of that width: where it is less, the arch may be of the same width as the road, so as it be not less than 20 feet; and, if the road be afterwards widened, the arch must be proportionably widened up to, but not beyond, 35 feet. In the present case, the average available width of

the road for the passage of carriages is the same as it was before the erection of the bridge; the arch is of the same width, and exceeds 20 feet; and the road has not been widened so as to call on the Railway Company to widen the arch. Therefore the provisions of The Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, appear to have been complied with. No mention is made in that Act of footways, as distinguished from the road for the passage of carriages. If they are to be taken as part of the turnpike road, then the road has been narrowed from 43 feet 6 inches to 36 feet, and the arch of the bridge is only 28 feet instead of 35. We think, however, that the footpaths cannot be taken as part of the turnpike road over which the arch of the bridge was to be thrown, within the meaning of these acts of parliament. There is no pretence for saying that they can be taken into account in ascertaining the average available width of the road for the passage of carriages: and, as that width has been preserved as it was before in strict conformity with the acts of parliament, it is not true to assert, as every one of the counts in this indictment does, that persons cannot pass with their carriages as they used to do. The obstruction is to foot passengers only, which is not forbidden by the acts; neither is it charged as the nuisance complained of by this indictment. The cases cited in argument are wholly inapplicable to this indictment.

Upon the whole we are of opinion that a general verdict of Not guilty must be entered.

Rule accordingly.

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Stat. 52 G. 3.

c. 146. s. 5. re-

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registers to be
kept at the
parson's houseor in the
church. The

custody of such

registers by the

parish clerk at

his house is

not, unless

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a witness from

a book pro-

duced to him as

the parish

register by the

clerk, at the

clerk's house.

EJECTMENT for a cottage &c., in *Wiltshire*. O:
the trial, before *Williams J.*, at the last *Wiltshire*Spring assizes, it appeared that the lessor of the plai
tiff claimed title on the determination of a lease
lives. To prove the death of one of the *cestui**Kingston, Surrey*, which had been pointed out to him
by a person in the street as the house of the parish
clerk; that the witness there saw a person calling him-self parish clerk, who produced as the register of
burials a book from which the witness had made an
extract as evidence of the death in question. Thelearned Judge rejected the evidence, on the ground
that it did not appear that the custody of the register
by the parish clerk was the proper custody. The dfendant having obtained a verdict,
Greenwood, in last *Easter* term, obtained a rule
for a new trial, on the grounds that this evi-was improperly rejected, and also that the verdict
against the evidence... in Banc on the 1st, 4th, 5th and 6th, of
and on the 26th, of Feb

Crowder now shewed cause. *Croughton v. Blake* (a) and *Bishop of Meath v. Marquess of Winchester* (b), in which cases it was held unnecessary to shew that a document came from the most proper custody or from strictly legal custody, do not apply; for, in the absence of explanation to account for the removal of the instrument, the parish chest was the only proper or legal custody. [*Coleridge J.* In *Roscoe on Evidence*, p. 102 (c), the note of *Bishop of Meath v. Marquess of Winchester* (b) is given thus: "So a document relating to a bishop's see may be produced from the custody either of his descendants, or his successors in the see." But the circumstances under which the instrument was there received as coming from the custody of the Bishop's descendants hardly warrant so general a proposition; for it appears that the instrument in question was of a date prior to the existence of any registry for the diocese.] Here the evidence that the person who furnished the extract was the parish clerk was wholly insufficient. (The discussion on the other point is omitted.)

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Greenwood and *Stock*, contra. The statement by a person that he was the parish clerk was of itself sufficient; on preliminary questions of fact for the judge strict legal evidence is unnecessary; *Regina v. Kenilworth* (d). The parish clerk commonly has the custody of the parish registers. His custody was a reasonably proper custody; and this is sufficient; *Bishop of Meath v. Marquess of Winchester* (b), *Croughton v. Blake* (a),

(a) 12 M. & W. 205.

(b) In *Dom. Proc.* 3 New Ca. 183.; *S. C.* 4 Cl. & Fin. 445.

(c) 8th ed.

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Armstrong v. Hewitt (a), *Doe dem. Neale v. Samples (b)*,
Doe dem. Wildgoose v. Pearce (c), *Doe dem. Jacobs v.*
Phillips (d). [Coleridge J. Stat. 52 G. 3. c. 146. s. 5.
requires the parson to keep the parish registers in an
iron chest; and the chest is to be kept either at the
parson's place of residence, or in the church.]

PATTESON J. We cannot lay down any general rule on the question of proper custody; we must be guided by the circumstances of each particular case. My brother *Williams* thought that the register ought not to be kept at the clerk's house. This is quite true for the statute directs that it shall be kept elsewhere. Still, if the witness had gone to the parson for the register, and had been referred by him to the house of the clerk, then, although the register ought not have been at the clerk's, it would have been authenticated to this extent, that it was at the clerk's with the consent of the parson; and the evidence might have been receivable. But no explanation whatever was given to account for this register being with the clerk. As son who supplied the extract was parish clerk was quite sufficient. The objection is that the register was not authenticated as the real register; it might have been a duplicate or a copy; the clerk's custody was unaccounted for. The rule, however, a new trial will be absolute, on the ground that verdict was against the evidence.

COLERIDGE J. I think that the learned Judge

(b) 8 A. & E. 1
(d) 8 Q. B. 15

quite right in rejecting the evidence in question. The **custody** was wrong both as to place and person; and no **explanation** was given to shew why the register was in **such** custody. The statute 52 G. 3. c. 146. s. 5. shews **the** custody to be wrong; and the provisions of that **section** are, I believe, kept alive by the late **Registration Act** (a). By those provisions, which are very **minute** and stringent, an important duty is cast upon **the** clergyman with respect to the due custody of the **register**. I think upon the evidence we may take it **that** the person who had the custody in this case was **the** parish clerk. But no explanation was offered to **account** for his custody, as that the parson was unwell, or **had** sent the register to him for a special purpose. If **any** explanation had been offered, we might, perhaps, **not** scrutinise it very closely; an excuse of some sort, although it might not shew the custody to be proper, might satisfy us that it was reasonable.

Rule discharged, on the first point.

Rule absolute, on the ground that the verdict was against the evidence (b).

(a) See stat. 6 & 7 W. 4. c. 86. s. 49.

(b) *Wightman J.* was at the Court of Appeal for Criminal Cases, *Erle J.* was sitting at Nisi Prius.

Reported by *H. Davison, Esq.*

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Monday,
February 4th.

BARWELL and Others *against* The Hundred of
WINTERSTOKE.

A wooden trough, by which water is conveyed from a spring to a pool at a distance from a mine for the purpose of washing the ore, is an "erection used in conducting the business" of the mine, within stat. 7 & 8 Geo. 4. c. 31. s. 2.

CASE against the Hundred of *Winterstoke*, under stat. 7 & 8 G. 4. c. 31. s. 2. (a), to recover compensation for the felonious demolition, by divers persons riotously assembled, of a certain erection of the plaintiffs used by them in conducting the business of certain mine of the plaintiffs within the hundred.

Plea 2. That the said erection was not an erection used in conducting the business of a mine, *modo formâ*. Issue thereon.

(a) The 2d section is as follows.

"And be it enacted, that if any church or chapel, or any chapel for the religious worship of persons dissenting from the United church of England and Ireland, duly registered or recorded, or any house, stable, coachhouse, outhouse, warehouse, office, shop, mill, malthouse, hop, barn, or granary, or any building or erection used in carrying on a trade or manufacture, or branch thereof, or any machinery, whether fixed or moveable, prepared for or employed in any manufacture, or in a branch thereof, or any steam engine or other engine for sinking, draining, or working any mine, or any staith, building, or erection used in conducting the business of any mine, or any bridge, waggon way or trunk for conveying minerals from any mine, shall be feloniously demolished, pulled down, or destroyed, wholly or in part, by any persons riotously and tumultuously assembled together, in every such case the inhabitants of the hundred, wapentake, ward, or other district in the nature of a hundred, by whatever name it shall be denominated, in which any of the said offences shall be committed, shall be liable to yield full compensation to the person or persons damaged by the offence, not only for the damage so done to any of the subjects hereinbefore enumerated, but also for any damage which may at the same time be done by any such offenders to any fixture, furniture, or goods whatever, in any such church, chapel, house, or other of the buildings or erections aforesaid."

On the trial, before *Williams J.*, at the last *Somersetshire* Spring Assizes, the following facts appeared. Upwards of a year after the plaintiffs had entered upon and commenced working the mine in question, they took a lease of a slag bed and pool adjoining it, at a distance of about half a mile from the mine. The slag bed consisted of heaps of refuse ore, which had formerly been considered as of no value. Recently, however, a process had been discovered for extracting ore from the slag. Washing the slag was an important part of such process; and, to supply the pool with water for washing the slag, the plaintiffs diverted thereto a stream of water in the neighbourhood by means of a wooden trough erected upon piles. The trough did not approach the mine nearer than half a mile, which was as near as the nature of the ground admitted. The water supplied through this trough was at first used in washing the slag, and for no other purpose; but subsequently, and up to the time of the injury complained of, it had been regularly used in washing the ore gotten from the mine. It was for the demolition of this trough, as being an erection used in conducting the business of the mine, that this action was brought. For the defendants it was objected that the trough was not, under the circumstances, used in conducting the business of the mine; and that the learned Judge was bound to determine that question as a question of law. *Williams J.*, however, left the question to the Jury; and they found that it was so used. A verdict was directed for the plaintiffs; but leave was given to the defendants to move to enter a nonsuit, in case the Court should be of opinion that the above question was a question of law, and ought

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to be determined in their favour. *Crowder*, in last *Easter* term, obtained a rule nisi accordingly.

Cockburn, *Montagu Smith* and *Phinn* now shewed cause. The language in sect. 2 of stat. 7 & 8 G. 4. c. 31., which, with reference to the present question, is substantially the same as that used in sect. 7 of stat. 7 & 8 G. 4. c. 30., extends to the wooden trunk in this case. "Erection" in this statute is a larger word than "building," and includes a wooden scaffold; *Regina v. Whittingham* (a). If the question raised at the trial was one of fact, the finding of the jury is conclusive: if one of law, the Court will give effect to the declared intention of the section, which, obviously, was to protect every thing in any way contributory to the conducting the business of a mine. Washing the ore part of the ordinary business of mining; this trough was actually used for washing the ore, though erected for another purpose. The words "trunk for conveying minerals from any mine" do not limit the preceding words, but, by extending the protection of the statute beyond the process and business conducted in and about the mine itself, shew the very large sense of the previous words.

Crowder, *Barstow* and *Prideaux*, contra. The question is one of law, and is to be considered as if it arose on an indictment for felony under stat. 7 & 8 G. 4. c. 30. s. 7. As a question of law, it must be determined for the defendants. The erection could not be necessary for working the mine; for the mine had been worked without it. It was not locally connected with

(a) 9 Car. & P. 234.

the mine. Nor was its use connected with the business of mining; washing the ore is no more part of the business of a mine than smelting is. Washing is merely part of a process used in preparing the ore for market after the business of the mine is completed. One sort of trunk for a purpose foreign to the business of a mine is mentioned; this excludes any other sort of trunk unconnected with such business. In *Regina v. Whittingham* (a) the scaffold was in the mine itself, and was erected to put the miners on the level of the vein at which they worked.

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PATTESON J. The rule must be discharged. The jury having decided that this trunk was, in fact, used in conducting the business of the mine, the only question of law is, whether such a trunk can be so used. It is hardly disputed that, if it were not for the words specifying a "trunk for conveying minerals from any mine," the preceding words are large enough to include this trunk as an erection used "in conducting the business" of the mine. It seems that in all mines it is usual to wash the ore, in order to separate it from the earth. It is convenient to conduct this process as near as possible to the mine itself; and, in this case, the process was conducted as near to the mine as the nature of the ground permitted. The question is, whether an erection used for such washing is an erection used in conducting the business of a mine. I am of opinion that the business of a mine is not merely to get the rough ore from the bowels of the mine, but to produce the ore itself separate from the earth which is brought

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up with it. The words of the section are quite large enough to justify this construction; for, after specifying engines used in working the mine, they go on to "any erection used in conducting the business" of a mine, which must be for something more than the mere working of the mine itself. I agree that the same construction must be put on the statutes as if the question arose on an indictment for felony: but, even in such a case, the language of the legislature is amply sufficient to support our construction.

COLERIDGE J. I am of the same opinion. I quite agree that we are to determine the question as if it arose on an indictment for felony under the prior statute. That is a very good reason for not straining the language of the Legislature: but, if the present case is within its language, I am not deterred by the consequences of our construction. It is, undoubtedly, most important to protect an erection of this kind; but, whether this be important or unimportant, whether the statute be penal or not, we must give a full and fair interpretation to its provisions. I take it as almost admitted that, if it were not for the latter words with respect to a trunk for conveying materials from a mine, the preceding words would apply to the trunk in question. *Regina v. Whittingham* (a) shews that the word "erection" is applicable to an erection of wood; in that case, however, there was no question as to the vicinity of the erection to the mine itself, or its connection with the business of the mine. The question here is, whether the trunk can be said to be used in

(a) 9 Car. & P. 234.

conducting the business of the mine. To say that the business of the mine is merely to bring the ore to grass, could certainly be too narrow a construction. It is to be observed that the question is not, whether the trunk is used in the working of the mine, but whether it is used in conducting the business of the mine. I think the business of the mine includes all that is done out the mine towards preparing the ore in a marketable state; and that all erections used for this purpose, as places of deposit for gunpowder, candles and other mining materials, are within the protection of the statute. It is said that the specification of a trunk for conveying the minerals away excludes this trunk for the supply of water. But I think that the specification of the trunk for conveying minerals away was purposely introduced, because it occurred to the legislature that a trunk so used might not be a trunk used in conducting the business of the mine; and, so, that some further provision was necessary to complete the intended protection. But this trunk was used for the primary operations before the mineral is in a fit state to be conveyed away, and so was used in conducting the business of the mine.

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WIGHTMAN J. I am of the same opinion. The words, "or any staith, building, or erection used in conducting the business of any mine," coming after the words applicable to engines used for working the mine, admit a very large construction, and seem to have been purposely added in order to extend protection to such erections as might not be concerned in the working of the mine. The question is, whether this trough was used in the business of this mine. The ore, it seems,

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is not brought up by itself, but together with earth and other matters attached to it, which must be separated from it to make what is brought up ore. This truck was used in the process of such separation. That process, in my opinion, is part of the business of mine, and is an entirely different process from that smelting.

Rule discharged (—α)

(α) Erle J. was sitting at Nisi Prius.

Reported by H. Davison, Esq.

Tuesday,
February 5th.

THOMPSON, Esq. M.P. against INGHAM Esq. and Another.

Declaration in prohibition, stating a plaint in the County Court prosecuted by one Batty for use and occupation of land by Thompson (plaintiff in prohibition),

who appeared and protested that the title to the said land was in question: averment that in fact the title was in question in the action. Plea, that, when Thompson appeared and protested, Batty also appeared and protested that the title was not in question, and required the defendant in prohibition, being judge, to hear and determine the action; that thereupon defendant, then being judge, did hear and consider the evidence &c. of the plaintiff in prohibition in support of his said protest, and also the evidence &c. of Batty on the other side, and, having heard and considered, did adjudge that the title was not in question.

Held, that, if such a plea admits the title to be in question, it is bad, for want of jurisdiction in the judge, by stat. 9 & 10 Vict. c. 95. s. 58.; but, if it be taken as pleading the decision of a competent Court, it is equally bad; for, although the inferior Court must determine the point in the first instance, yet, there being no writ of error from the County Court, the question must be open to the superior Courts on motion for a prohibition; and, on declaration in prohibition, the question is one of fact, to be decided by evidence.

PROHIBITION. The declaration stated that, on 2nd June, 1847, John Batty prosecuted in the county court of Westmoreland, at Kirkby Lonsdale (constituted under stat. 9 & 10 Vict. c. 95.), before Theophilus Hastings Ingham, the Judge of the said Court, a certain plaint in an action of contract, issued

out of the said Court, for an alleged debt or claim of 4*l.* for the alleged use and occupation by *William Thompson* of a certain field of the said *John Batty &c.*, in which action the said *J. Batty* was the plaintiff, and *W. Thompson* (the plaintiff in prohibition) was the defendant. That *Thompson*, on the day &c., appeared in the said Court before the said *T. H. I.*, the Judge thereof, and did then and there protest and insist that the said Court ought not to have, or take, and had not, cognisance of the said action; for that in the said action the title to the said land, to wit to the said field, was in question. The declaration then averred, *that in fact the title to the said land, to wit to the said field, was in question in the said action*, and that the said Court ought not to have had, and had not, cognisance of the said action; and that each of the parties *Thompson* and *Batty* insisted that the said field was his soil and freehold during the alleged occupation: nevertheless the said Judge assumed to take and have cognisance of the said action, and proceeded to try and determine, and did in fact take cognisance of, the same, and try the said cause, and afterwards, to wit on 28th *July* in the year aforesaid, gave judgment that the plaintiff should recover from the said *W. Thompson* the sum of 30*s.* The declaration then averred that the said *J. Batty* and the said *T. H. Ingham* are still proceeding in the said plaint, and prayed a prohibition.

Plea: That, when *Thompson* so appeared and protested that the title to the said land was in question in the said action, *Batty* also at the same time appeared and protested that the title was not in question therein, and then required the Judge to proceed to hear and determine &c. That thereupon, on the same occasion when

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the said *J. Batty* and *W. Thompson* so appeared and protested as aforesaid, the said *T. H. Ingham*, then being the Judge &c., did, in the same Court in and before which *Batty* and *Thompson* were so respectively appearing, hear and consider all the evidence, allegations and arguments which *Thompson* produced made and used in support of such protest and position that the title was in question, and all the evidence &c. which *Batty* produced &c. on the other side; and, having heard &c. as aforesaid, did then in the same Court, and then being such Judge as aforesaid, and while *Batty* and *Thompson* were so respectively appearing in and before the said Court, consider, decide and adjudge that the title to the said land was not in question in the said action, and thereupon entertained, tried, heard and determined the said cause, and gave judgment as in the declaration mentioned. And that on the said hearing of the said cause neither *Thompson* nor *Batty* produced, made or used any evidence, allegation or argument other than those which the Judge so heard and considered as aforesaid. Verification.

Demurrer, assigning for cause: That the plea shewed, not that the title to the land was not in question, but that the Judge thought and decided so: That the plea admitted that the title was in question, and sought to avoid it by shewing that the Judge thought otherwise: That the plea consisted only of grounds of inference from which it was sought to be concluded that the title was not in question; and that it ought to have shewn that in fact such title was not in question.

The demurrer was now argued (a).

(a) Before *Patteson*, *Coleridge* and *Wightman* J.

Martin, for the plaintiff. Stat. -9 & 10 *Vict. c. 95.* . 58. makes a direct provision that the Court shall not have cognizance of any action in which the title to any corporeal hereditament shall be in question. The declaration avers that in fact the title to the lands was in question: the plea does not traverse this, but alleges that *Ingham*, being judge, did adjudge that the title to the lands was not in question. He cannot give himself jurisdiction by merely stating his opinion that he possesses it. In *Lilley v. Harvey* (a), where the question was whether a prohibition should issue, *Wightman J.* decided that the judge has authority to ascertain whether the title really is in question, but that, if he is wrong, and assumes jurisdiction when the title is in question, the Court above must prohibit. [*Patteson*]. The plea may be an argumentative denial that the title to the land came in question.] That is not its effect: the allegation is untraversed; and the plea avers that the decision of the judge on the question whether or not the title came in question is final. [*Coleridge J.* We do not sit on appeal from the decision of the judge; if the question arises in the County court the judge must deal with it. He referred to *Brittain v. Kinaird* (b).] When the judge has no jurisdiction the proceedings are a nullity. It is the duty of the superior courts to inquire whether the jurisdiction has been exceeded. It is true that this sometimes involves the correctness of the decision of the judge in the inferior court, but not by way of appeal. The Court may be obliged to try the question of fact whether the title came into question or not.

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Watson, contra. The judge clearly had jurisdiction over the cause: but in the course of the case it was alleged that the title to the land was in question. It is conceded that it is the duty of the judge to inquire whether that is so or not; if such be his duty, he must decide that point, otherwise he would have power to inquire, but not to determine. The question of jurisdiction, if involved in an incidental question of fact, must, like any other incidental question, be determined by the judge. If the action had been ejectment, the judge would have had no jurisdiction to entertain the cause, the proceedings would have been coram non judice, and prohibition would lie. But, when there is a general jurisdiction over the cause, the incidental question as to title must be disposed of by the judge. Stat. 9 & 10 Vict. c. 95. s. 69. enacts that he shall be the sole judge in all actions brought in the Court, and shall determine all questions as well of fact as of law. And the 89th section makes his judgment final between the parties. The provisions with respect to replevin under the 121st section are different; there, if "either party" "shall declare" that the title is in question, the cause may be removed to a superior Court on security being given. But, when the judge has power to institute the inquiry, his mistake in judgment on a matter of fact is no ground of prohibition; *Fearon v. Norvall* (a). Whenever the question arises in evidence the judge must decide it. *Lilley v. Harvey* (b) is an authority for the plaintiff; and so is *Owen v. Pearse* (c). In *Ex parte Rayner* (d) the defendant had been summoned before the County court

(a) 5 D. & L. 439.

(b) 5 D. & L. 648.

(c) 5 D. & L. 654, note (c).

(d) 5 D. & L. 342. s. 6. (*Toft v. Rayner*) 5 Com. B. 162.

Cambridge, and alleged before the judge that he had already been sued in the Borough Court of *Cambridge* in respect of the same claim, and that judgment had been recovered and execution issued against his goods. The plaintiff admitted this to be true; but the judge gave judgment for the plaintiff. On motion for prohibition, it was held that the objection would have been proper ground for a writ of error if such proceedings were permitted by stat. 9 & 10 *Vict. c. 95.*; but that, the decision being on matter within the jurisdiction of the judge, prohibition did not lie. Again, in *Robinson v. Lenaghan (a)*, where the summons had been served at a wrong place, the Court held that, the jurisdiction of the Court under the 80th section attaching on due proof of service, the question, what was proof of service, was for the judge, and that the superior courts could not reverse his decision. These cases bear on the act of parliament: but all the authorities shew that when the inferior court has the power to inquire it also has the power to determine. The test is, whether it has the power to enter on the inquiry. Thus affidavits are receivable to shew that the inferior court could not institute the inquiry, but not that the court has come to a wrong conclusion on the evidence; *Regina v. Bolton (b)*. In *Mould v. Williams (c)* the justices by their warrant found the place on which timber was lying to be part of the highway; and the Court would not allow their jurisdiction to be questioned by evidence shewing that it lay on land forming no part of the highway. Again, when in answer to an information under stat. 7 & 8 *G. 4. c. 29. s. 34.* a

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(a) 2 *Erck.* 333.

(b) 1 *Q. B.* 66.

(c) 5 *Q. B.* 469. See *Ayrton v. Abbott*, antè, p. 1. 23.

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bonâ fide claim to a right of fishing was set up by the defendant and overruled by the justices, this Court refused a prohibition; *Regina v. Higgins* (a). [Wightman J. referred to *Rex v. Sillifant* (b).] The rule for a mandamus there was discharged on the doubt whether the justices had jurisdiction to enforce the rate. A mere statement by the defendant that he acted under a reasonable supposition that he had right to do the act complained of does not oust the justices of their jurisdiction under stat. 7 & 8 Geo. c. 30. s. 24: the justices must determine that fact. *Regina v. Dodson* (c). The earlier case of *Rex v. Wootesley* (d) is to the same effect. And the judgment of the Court of Exchequer in *Thomas v. Hudson* (e) illustrates the point. The principle which governs all the cases is, that where the judge has jurisdiction he must decide any incidental matter which arises in the progress of the cause. “Est autem eorum” (Justitiariorum) “potestas, quòd ex quo eis commissa est causa, una vel plures, licet simpliciter, extenditur eorum jurisdictio ad omnia, sine quibus causa terminari non potest, quantum ad iudicium et executionem iudicii. Et eodem modo si causa fuerit incidens vel emergens et præjudicialis: ad alias verò res et alias personas non possunt jurisdictionem suam extendere, nec de aliis cognoscere quam de iis quæ in commissione continentur, cùm fines mandati diligenter sint attendendi.” *Bracton*, fol. 108 b. lib. iii. *De Actionibus*, s. 3. The authorities all shew that when the judge can

(a) 8 Q. B. 149. note (d).

(b) 4 A. & E. 354.

(c) 9 A. & E. 704.

(d) 1 B. & Ad. 648.

(e) 14 M. & W. 353. 377. Judgment affirmed in Exch. Ch., *Thomas v. Hudson*, 16 M. & W. 885.

inquire he can decide, and that his decision on a matter within his jurisdiction is final. The allegation that the title was in question becomes immaterial; the judge must decide whether it was or not. [*Wightman J.* The judge decides, subject to prohibition if he exceed his jurisdiction. Whether or not the title comes in question may be matter of fact.] The true distinction is between those cases where there is a want of original jurisdiction, and those where something arises in the course of the cause to take it away: the judge must decide, in the latter case, whether such a state of facts exists.

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Martin, in reply. It is admitted, here, that a state of things existed which ousted the judge of his jurisdiction, but by his own judgment he assumes to give himself jurisdiction. The cases cited do not apply. The question of jurisdiction can in no case be determined by the Court whose jurisdiction is called in question. The line may be difficult to draw; but in all of them the question was as to the correctness of the decision of the judge over matter within his jurisdiction.

Cur. adv. vult.

PATTESON J., on a subsequent day in this vacation (*February* 26th), delivered the judgment of the Court. After having shortly stated the declaration and plea, his Lordship continued:

To this plea there is a demurrer. If the plea, being confession and avoidance, is to be taken to admit the statement in the declaration, that in fact the title was in question, it is clearly bad; for then the judge had no jurisdiction, under stat. 9 & 10 *Vict. c. 95. s. 58.*; and

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his thinking and deciding that he had would not give it him. But, assuming that the plea does not admit that statement, but rather denies that it can be permitted to be made, by reason of the decision of a competent Court that the title was not in question, the point will be whether that decision is conclusive.

The law on this subject, so far as regards the analogous case of magistrates' convictions, was fully discussed in *Regina v. Bolton* (a); and it was there held that, where the charge is such as, if true, is within the magistrate's jurisdiction, the finding of the facts afterwards by the magistrate is conclusive; but, where the charge is not such as, if true, would be within the magistrate's jurisdiction, no finding of facts can alter it.

The present case is between those so put. The judge had clearly jurisdiction, *prima facie*, to try a plaintiff for use and occupation. The pleadings, if there were any in the County court, would not shew that the title is in question: the point, whether it is or not, must of necessity arise upon the evidence; and, as soon as it appears that it is, the jurisdiction of the County court ceases. The judge must, of necessity, determine the point for the time, because on it depends whether he hears the case on the merits. Is then his determination conclusive? We think that it is not. The objection is analogous to a plea to the jurisdiction in other courts which is indeed determined in the first instance by the Court in which it is pleaded, but is subject to a writ of error. The County court Act gives no writ of error or appeal of any sort; but then it is presumed that the Court deals only with matters within its jurisdiction.

(a) 1 Q. B. 66.

If a doubt arises as to that question, we think it impossible to contend that any of the provisions of the Act make the solution of that doubt by the Court itself final. If so, the question must be open to one of the superior courts on motion for a prohibition, by affidavit; and, if that Court, as in the present case, directs that the party should declare, then the question becomes one of evidence.

In either view of the plea, therefore, we are of opinion that judgment must be for the plaintiff.

Judgment for plaintiff (a).

(a) Reported by *T. Bros, Esq.*

See *Chew v. Holroyd*, 8 *Exch.* 249.

MEYRICK and IBBETSON, Executors &c. of WILLIAM MEYRICK deceased, against MARY ANN ANDERSON.

*Tuesday,
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DEBT by plaintiffs as executors of the last will and testament of *William Meyrick*, deceased, against defendant as executrix of *Susannah Scott*, deceased, who in her lifetime, and at the time of her death, was executrix of the last will and testament of *William Newman*, deceased, on a bond made by *Newman* to *Meyrick* in the sum of 800*l.*: the count charged that *Newman* did not pay in his lifetime, nor did *Susannah Scott* in her lifetime pay, nor hath defendant paid, to

Debt on bond by plaintiffs as executors, against defendant as executrix of one *Susannah Scott*, who was executrix of *W. N.* Plea, that *Susannah* died intestate, without this that the defendant ever was rightful executrix of the said *Susannah*.

Held, on special demurrer, that the plea, though good in form, was no answer to the action, for an executor de son tort of a rightful executor is liable in the same manner as a rightful executor for the debt of the original testator.

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Meyrick in his lifetime, or to plaintiffs as executors aforesaid, since his decease.

Plea: That the said *Susannah Scott* died intestate without this, that defendant ever was, or is, the rightful executrix of the last will and testament of the said *Susannah Scott*; conclusion to the country.

Demurrer, alleging for cause: That the traverse taken by the plea, and the issue thereby tendered, too narrow; and that the traverse is not direct of an allegation contained in the declaration; because the plea only tends to raise the question, whether the defendant was rightful executrix, whereas evidence shewing that the defendant was executrix de son tort would support the declaration; and for that the plea should have directly traversed the declaration, and the averments therein, that defendant was executrix of the said *Susannah Scott*. And that, if the plea is to be taken as in confession and avoidance, then it is insufficient because it introduces new matter, viz. that *S. Scott* died intestate, and therefore it ought not to have been concluded to the country. Joinder.

The demurrer was now argued (a).

Willes, for the plaintiffs. It is quite consistent with the plea, that the defendant is executrix de son tort, and, if so, she is chargeable. At common law an executor de son tort is liable like the rightful executor. In *Webster v. Webster* (b) an executor, who had acted de son tort for sixteen years, afterwards took out administration; and, on his being sued as executor, was held that he might plead the Statute of Lim-

(a) Before *Patteson* and *Wightman* Js.

(b) 10 *Feary* Jun.

tions, because he was liable to be sued while executor de son tort. The forms of declaration against a rightful executor and an executor de son tort are precisely the same; and it is sufficient to shew an intermeddling with the goods to support a charge against the defendant as executor. The last decision is *Wood v. Kerry* (a). Again, at common law, the executor of an executor was bound to administer the goods of the prior testator; but it was doubtful whether he would be liable for a devastavit of such goods committed by his own immediate testator, that being a personal wrong, which died with the person committing it. This led to the statutes 1 stat. 30 *Car.* 2. c. 7. and 4 & 5 *W. & M.* c. 24. s. 12. The former Act is confined to the executor of an executor de son tort. The latter enactment is declaratory as well as enacting. [*Patteson J.* Neither of these applies except to the case of devastavit. What is the meaning of "shall" "be liable" "in the same manner?"] It means out of the goods of the first testator; note (8) to *Wheatley v. Lane* (b). The executor of an executor, sued since the statutes, must not only shew that he has administered the goods of the original testator which have come to his hands, but also a plene administravit by the first executor, or at least that the second executor has no assets of the first executor whence any devastavit by the first may be satisfied; *Wells v. Fydell* (c). There is no direct authority on the point. At common law the executor, whether by right or de son tort, is liable: it is here contended that the executor de son tort of an executor is in precisely the same position as

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(a) 2 *Com. B.* 515.

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(c) 10 *East*, 315

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the rightful executor of an executor de son tort or of a
rightful executor since the statutes. In *Hammond* v.
Gatliffe (a) the Court intimated an opinion that the ex-
ecutor de son tort of an executor de son tort is not lia-
ble for a devastavit of the prior executor de son tort, the
case not being provided for by 1 stat. 30 C. 2. s. 7. [*Pat-
teson* J. That case is rather questioned by my Brother
Williams in his book.] It is not cited as an authority
in the text (vol. 2. p. 1471 (b)); and the note (k) which
refers to it gives no opinion as to its authority, but
merely the reason assigned by *Probyn* J. for the deci-
sion; namely, that in the first part of 1 stat. 30 Car. 2.
c. 7. executors de son tort are not named, though after-
wards they are expressly mentioned. In truth, there
can be no succession of executors de son tort; and that
reason would support the decision. But the construc-
tion of the statute ought not to be as intimated in
Andrews (a): the statute means such persons as by the
common law were held executors. There is no reason
for confining "all and every the executors" to all and
every the rightful executors, when executors de son
tort are also, in legal contemplation and legal language,
executors. The same expression occurs in stat. 4 & 5
W. & M. c. 24. s. 12., which is the statute applica-
ble to the present case. Applying the reasoning of *Pro-
byn* J. in *Hammond* v. *Gatliffe* (a) to that statute, it
will be an authority for the plaintiff in the present
case; but the words "any executor" and "all and
every executor," in stat. 4 & 5 *W. & M. c. 24. s. 12.*,
include an executor de son tort; and then the case
falls within *Wells* v. *Fydell* (c); and a defendant ac-

(a) *Andr.* 252.

(b) *Williams on Executors*, 4th edit.

(c) 10 *East*, 315.

mitting himself to be an executor of an executor must so plead as to exclude any devastavit by his immediate testator.

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Poulden, contra. The executor de son tort is not chargeable as the executor of the original testator. He does not represent him. In 1 *Williams on Executors*, vol. 1. p. 207, 4th ed., it is said: "Although the executor cannot assign the executorship, yet the interest vested in him by the will of the deceased may, generally speaking, be continued and kept alive by the will of the executor; so that, if there be a sole executor of A., the executor of such executor is to all intents and purposes the executor and representative of the first testator. But if the first executor dies intestate then his administrator is not such a representative, but an administrator de bonis non of the original testator must be appointed by the Ordinary; for the power of an executor is founded upon the special confidence and actual appointment of the deceased; and such executor is therefore allowed to transmit that power to another in whom he has equal confidence; and so long as the chain of representation is unbroken by any intestacy the ultimate executor is the representative of every preceding testator. But the administrator of the executor is merely the officer of the Ordinary, and has no privity or relation to the original testator, being only commissioned to administer the effects of the intestate executor and not of the original testator." Again it is said at page 247: "If an executor dies before probate, although, as already mentioned, the acts which he may legally do before probate stand firm and good, yet his executor may not prove

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both wills, and so become executor to both the testators." (He also referred to 1 *Williams on Executors* pp. 380. 387.) [*Patteson J.* All these passages on shew that the administrator of the executor has no title to the goods of the first testator.] The principle applies, that there must be a succession between the original testator and the executor of the executor to charge him. The rightful executor of the executor is the representative of the first testator. A person by intermeddling with the goods may make himself executor de son tort of the executor; but that cannot make him executor of the first testator. The Act 1 stat. 30 Car. 2. c. 7. does not apply to this case; it was passed to make the representatives of an executor de son tort liable in cases where they were not liable at common law. *Hammond v. Gatcliffe* (a) is an authority for the defendant as far as it goes. An executor de son tort at common law would not be liable, because the first testator can be represented only through a chain of succession. In all cases the party must be charged as executor, whether he be so by right or wrong; *Scott v. Wedlake* (b); *Wood v. Kerry* (c), where *Maule J.* says: "it has been held for centuries that such is the proper mode of declaring; the ground being, that there is no other form of writ in the register, than one charging the party as executor generally." If then an executor de son tort be not liable, he must be able to plead as here. No unques executor would deny that the defendant is executor whether by right or by wrong. The plea that defendant is not administrator but executor is a plea in abatement; but it must be pleaded

(a) *Andr.* 252.

(b) 7 Q. B. 766.

(c) 2 Com. B. 515.

with a traverse, absque hoc that the deceased died intestate (a).

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Willes, in reply. No precedent has been shewn of any plea like this. The rule is that the executor de son tort is liable wherever the rightful executor is liable, but that he cannot clothe himself with the rights of the rightful executor: he cannot discharge himself by pleading that he is executor de son tort. [*Wightman J.* Independently of the statute would the executor have been liable?] There were authorities both ways; *Astry v. Nevit* (b) and *Anonymous* (c) case in 2 *Mod.* [*Wightman J.* In *Com. Dig. Administrator* (C 3.), it is said that an executor de son tort may be charged jointly with the rightful executor. This would appear to put them on the same footing.]

Cur. adv. vult.

PATTESON J., in the same vacation (*February 26th*), delivered the judgment of the Court.

The defendant is sued as executrix of *Susannah Scott*, who was executrix of *William Newman*, on a bond executed by *Newman*. The defendant pleads that *Susannah Scott* died intestate, without this, that she the defendant ever was *rightful* executrix of *Susannah Scott*. To this plea there is a special demurrer.

As the declaration against an alleged executor is in the same form whether the defendant be rightful executor or executor de son tort, we think it was necessary for the defendant to plead as she has done

(a) 2 *Wms. Executors*, 1655, and note (y), *ibid.* ; *Com. Dig. Pleader* (2 D 4.).

(b) 2 *Lev.* 133.

(c) 2 *Mod.* 294.

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in order to raise the question whether an executor ^{de} son tort of a rightful executor can be sued for the ^{debt} of the original testator. It is remarkable that ~~there~~ ^{there} should be no direct authority upon this point.

The statutes 1 stat. 30 *Car.* 2. c. 7. and 4 & 5 *W. & M.* c. 24. s. 12. throw scarcely any light on the subject. They were passed in respect of devastavits committed by the original executor or administrator, which being torts, it was thought that the representative of such executor or administrator could not be made liable, on the principle "Actio personalis moritur cum persona." These statutes do not proceed on the ground of succession; for they make the executor of an administrator, and the administrator of an executor, liable, and afford no authority upon the point now in question. Neither is the case of *Wells v. Fydell* (a), which has reference to the provisions of those statutes. Neither do the authorities cited by the learned counsel for the defendant apply. They only shew that an executor de son tort cannot acquire any rights, and that on the death of a rightful executor intestate his administrator does not represent the original testator, about which there is no doubt. The question is not as to the rights, but as to the liabilities, of an executor de son tort; and whether the defendant, having chosen to take upon herself the office of executrix of *Susannah Scott*, does not thereby incur all the liabilities to which she would be subject if she were rightful executrix.

We are of opinion that she does. *Susannah Scott* must be taken to have possessed herself of all the assets of *Newman*; and the defendant, being estopped

from saying that she is not executrix of *Susannah Scott*, must be taken to have had those assets of *Newman*, if any, which *Scott* left unadministered, transmitted to her; and, if there be none such transmitted, and *Susannah Scott* committed no devastavit, and the defendant has duly administered all the assets of *Susannah Scott*, she has a good answer to this action. The plaintiffs ought not, if there be assets of *Newman*, either independent of or in consequence of any devastavit by *Susannah Scott*, to be deprived of their remedy against those assets because no one thinks proper to take out administration de bonis non to *Newman*; nor ought they to be driven to take out such administration themselves, when another person (the defendant), professing to be executrix of *Susannah Scott*, has possessed herself of those assets. If indeed there had been an administrator to *Susannah Scott*, and no devastavit committed by her, and no executor de son tort to her, the plaintiffs might be obliged to take out administration de bonis non, because the administrator of *Susannah Scott* could not have possessed himself of the assets of *Newman*. But here the defendant, as we have already said, must be taken to have possessed herself of such assets, if any, in her assumed character of executrix of *Susannah Scott*.

Our judgment must be for the plaintiffs.

Judgment for plaintiffs (a).

(a) Reported by T. Bros, Esq.

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Assumpsit on an agreement "to give yearly free to the plaintiff during three years twenty tons of coals, to be put free on board ship at *Cardiff* for the use of the plaintiff." Breach, that defendants did not give plaintiff yearly or at any time during the said three years twenty tons of coals &c.; in the terms of the contract. Held bad for want of an averment by the plaintiff that he was ready and willing to receive the coals, and that he had named a ship on which the defendant was to deliver them.

ASSUMPSIT on an agreement, whereby plaintiff agreed to conduct the sale and disposal of the defendants' coals, to carry out their instructions, promote their interests, and extend their connection, to the utmost of his ability and power, throughout *Ireland*, for three years from 1st *January* then next, and for that purpose to visit certain places in *Ireland* at stated times in each year; and defendants agreed to engage the services of the plaintiff as above described for three years, and to pay him the yearly sum of 120*l.*, viz. 60*l.* every 1st day of *July* and 1st day of *January* from the date thereof. And defendants further agreed to give yearly free to the plaintiff during the said three years twenty tons of coals, to be put free on board ship at *Cardiff* for the use of the plaintiff, in lieu of all charges for stationery and so forth.

The declaration, after alleging mutual promises, and performance by the plaintiff of the conditions precedent on his part, as far as was necessary to support the breaches for discharging him from his employment by the defendants under the contract, and for their refusing to pay him the salary agreed on, assigned a further breach as follows: Nor did nor would the defendants give to the plaintiff yearly, or at any time during the said period of three years, twenty tons of coals, or any coals whatever, free on board ship at *Cardiff* for the use of the plaintiff; but, on the contrary thereof, they, the defendants, wholly neglected and re-

used so to do, and have not any at time delivered or
 given to the plaintiff at *Cardiff* or elsewhere any coals
 whatever; and there is now due and owing from the
 defendants to the plaintiff under the said agreement a
 large quantity (viz.) sixty tons of coals, the same being
 of great value (viz.) 24*l*.

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Mellish, for the defendants. This is a demurrer to
 part only of the breach; but the plaintiff is entitled to
 judgment, although the residue of the breach is suffi-
 ciently assigned; *Lush v. Russell* (a). The defendants
 agree "to give yearly free to the plaintiff during the
 said three years twenty tons of coals, to be put free on
 board ship at *Cardiff* for the use of the plaintiff." The
 ship, then, must be selected, and its destination fixed,
 before this part of the contract can be complied with.

The agreement is silent on the subject; but it is clear
 that the port must be first selected either by the plain-
 tiff or the defendants. But it is the duty of the plain-
 tiff to select the ship and the port of discharge, as, until
 that is done, the defendants cannot comply with the
 contract by delivering the coals free on board. It is
 therefore a condition precedent to be performed by the
 plaintiff: and he should have averred that he was ready
 and willing to accept the coals, and that he had given
 the defendants notice thereof, and had named a ship and
 the port at which they were to be delivered; *Rae v.*
Hackett (b).

A. I. Johnston, contra. There is no condition pre-

(a) 4 *Erck.* 637.

(b) 12 *M. & W.* 724.

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cedent necessary to be noticed by the plaintiff. *Reade Meniaeff* (a) shews the general principle, that contracts this kind should not be construed narrowly. The substance of the contract was, that the plaintiff should have the coals. The defendants would be at liberty to deliver them at any time within the year, even if a request had been made by the plaintiff; *Startup v. Macdonald* (b). But notice ought to have come from the defendants that they were ready to give the coals on the plaintiff naming the ship. Something was to be done at a time to be ascertained by the defendants. (He then refers to *Heron v. Treyne* (c) and *Halling's Case* (d).) The plaintiff's readiness to accept the coals was a condition subsequent to notice, by the defendants, that they were ready to deliver them; *Hudson v. Haslam* (e).

PATTESON J. The contract clearly shews a duty cast on the plaintiff to name the ship at some time or other; but, it is argued, not until the defendants have given notice of their readiness to supply the coals, because no time is fixed for the delivery. If "yearly" mean at the end of the year, then the time is fixed, and the plaintiff should have named the ship at that time. Perhaps that is the meaning of the contract. But, otherwise, and if the defendants could call upon the plaintiff at any time during the year to accept the coals upon reasonable notice (for notice must be reasonable) even then the plaintiff must have named the ship, and should have averred that he was ready and willing to

(a) 7 Com. B. 152. 161.

(b) 6 M. & G. 593.

(c) 2 Ld. Raym. 750.

(d) 5 Rep. 22. b.

(e) 7 Com. B. 825. 833.

cept the coals, and that he had a ship ready to receive them. *Queen's Bench.*
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COLERIDGE J. I am of the same opinion. Where circumstances, left uncertain by the contract, are of such a nature that one party cannot perform his part of the contract until they are fixed, the other party, insisting on the contract, ought to fix those particulars. Here both time and place should have been fixed by the plaintiff; but certainly place.

WIGHTMAN J. The main difficulty arises from the uncertainty of the time when the coals are to be put on board. I should say, the agreement being silent as to time, that it must be at the option of the plaintiff. But, however that may be, the defendants clearly cannot give the coals free on board, until they know the ship, and at what port it is to discharge. Whatever, therefore, the construction of the agreement may be as to time, the plaintiff must fail for want of averring that he was ready and willing to name a ship.

Judgment for defendants (a).

(a) Reported by *T. Bros*, Esq.

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The Governor &c. of the Poor of the City of
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BLAIR, Administrator &c. of BUCKLEY, against
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WOOD.

A bond made in 1812, conditioned to replace a sum of Government stock of the value of 792*l.*, is sufficiently stamped with a 3*l.* stamp, under stat. 48 G 3. c. 149. Schedule, part 1., tit. *Bond*, though accompanied by a deposit of title deeds, and an agreement, insufficiently stamped, of even date, for the mortgage of property comprised in such title deeds as a collateral security.

DEBT on a bond, bearing date 5th *December* 1812, of which *Wood* was the obligor and *Buckley* the obligee.

The condition of the bond recited that *Buckley* had agreed to advance to *Wood* 877*l.* 4*s.* 1*d.* stock of the five per cent. navy annuities &c., or the produce of the sale thereof, without any advantage whatever on *Buckley's* part, otherwise than he would have been entitled to in case the same stock had continued to remain in his own name; and that *Buckley* had accordingly caused the same stock to be sold, and had paid the produce thereof, amounting to 792*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.*, to *Wood*; and that it had been agreed between *Wood* and *Buckley* that the like sum of 877*l.* 4*s.* 1*d.* stock in the said navy five per cent. annuities should be replaced and transferred to *Buckley* at the time and in manner thereafter mentioned. The condition of the bond was: That, if *Wood* should, on or before 5th *June* then next, purchase the like amount of the said stock, and transfer the same into the name of *Buckley* &c., and pay him, in lieu of the dividends thereof, such sums as he would have been entitled to receive as or for the dividends of the said amount of such stock in

the same had continued standing in his name, the said obligation was to be void.

plea (among others), Non est factum. Issue thereon. In the trial, before *Coleridge J.*, at the *Bristol Summer Assizes*, 1848, it appeared that the bond had *l.* stamp; and that, at the time of the execution, *main title deeds to real estate, the property of Wood, were deposited with Buckley, accompanied by a written agreement, of even date with the bond, between Wood and Buckley, whereby Wood, after acknowledging the receipt of 792*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.* as the proceeds of 877*l.* 4*s.* 1*d.* stock of the five per cent. navy annuities &c., and reciting the said bond, agreed, by way of collateral security for performance of the condition, to allow the said title deeds to remain in the hands of Buckley, and also to execute a mortgage of the property comprised therein. This agreement had a 16*s.* stamp. The learned Judge ruled that the bond was sufficiently stamped under stat. 48 *G.* 3. c. 149.,*

and directed a verdict for the defendant on the above plea. The plaintiff tendered a bill of exceptions. The Court directed a verdict for defendant.

Error was brought upon the judgment entered on the verdict; and the case was now argued before *Chief Justice, Cresswell, Williams and Talfourd Js.*, and *Mr. Justice, Alderson and Platt Bs.*

Mr. Justice, Alderson, for the plaintiff in error. The bond was sufficiently stamped under stat. 48 *G.* 3. c. 149., Schedule, Part 1. title "Bond," as a bond "given as security for the transfer or retransfer" of a share in Government stocks.

The Court then called upon

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Butt, contra. The stamp would be sufficient for simple money bond, or bond given simply as a security for the replacing of government stock; but the bond in question is specifically designated in a subsequent title of the same part of the Schedule referred to, as a "bond, accompanied with a deposit of title deeds, for making a mortgage, wadset, or other security, on any estate or property therein comprised.—See Mortgage." Now, on reference to the title "Mortgage," it appears that a mortgage made, "as a security for the transfer or retransfer" of Government stock of the value of between 500*l.* and 1000*l.*, requires a 4*l.* stamp. [*Alderson B.* This is a bond, accompanied with a deposit of title deeds; it is a bond for replacing stock, and not a bond for making a mortgage.] Again, the bond and agreement are to be taken as one security; so taking them together, the agreement would, under title "Mortgage," and under the head "also any agreement, contract, or bond, accompanied with a deposit of title deeds, for making a mortgage," require a 4*l.* stamp; and then the bond would require a 1*l.* stamp under another head of title "Bond," as a "Bond in *England*," "given as a security for the payment of any sum of money, or for the transfer or retransfer of any share in any of the stocks or funds before mentioned, which shall be in part secured by a mortgage or wadset, or other instrument hereinafter charged with the same duty as a mortgage or wadset, bearing even date with such bond." The objection may be taken either way; if the instruments are to be treated as separate securities, the bond alone required a 4*l.* stamp; if they are to be treated as one entire security, then the agreement required a 4*l.* stamp, and the bond a 1*l.* stamp.

PARKE B. We are all of opinion that this bond was sufficiently stamped as a simple bond for the retransfer of stock: and it is immaterial that another instrument, executed as a collateral security, was not sufficiently stamped.

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Venire de novo awarded (a).

(a) Reported by *H. Davison, Esq.*

On the second trial, a verdict was found for the plaintiff, subject to a special case; upon which judgment was given for the plaintiff, *May 29th, 1851.*

The QUEEN *against* The Inhabitants of CRICK- LADE SAINT SAMPSON.

[INDICTMENT] against the inhabitants of the parish of *Cricklade St. Sampson*, for not repairing an ancient public bridleway. Plea, Not Guilty. Issue thereon.

By an inclosure act, incorporating stat. 41 G. 3. c. 109. (the General Inclosure Act in force at the time), the Commissioners for inclosing certain common lands were authorised

On the trial, before *Williams J.*, at the *Salisbury Spring assizes, 1849*, it appeared that, before the passing of stat. 54 G. 3. c. clx. (a), there was an ancient public

to stop up, divert or alter any public ways over the waste, with the concurrence of two justices. They were also empowered to set out new ways, which, when certified by two justices to be complete, were to be repaired by the parish. Before the inclosure act, a public bridleway led across a common. There was no definite track where the land lay open. The Commissioners ordered the common to be inclosed, and set out a road thirty feet wide, with the same termini and in the same line as the old bridleway, and in their award directed that it should be a public bridleway and a private carriage road for certain persons, who should keep it in repair. The road was set out accordingly. On the trial of an indictment against the parish for not keeping it in repair, no order or certificate of justices was proved.

Held: That the old public way was never effectually stopped; that the defined road set out was in effect the same way; and that the parish were still liable to repair it as a bridle road, and were not exonerated by the fact that it was now set out as a private carriage road also.

(a) Local and personal public, "For inclosing lands in the manors of

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bridleway, leading through old inclosures into ~~and~~
across a common, called *Cricklade Common*, which ~~was~~
part of the waste subsequently inclosed under the ~~Pro~~
visions of that act. The evidence shewed that, before
the inclosure, this common was of a very irregular
shape. In parts it was so narrow that the bridleway

Great Chelworth and Little Chelworth, in the parishes of *Cricklade Saint Sampson* and *Cricklade Saint Mary*, in the county of *Wills*.

The act is made subject to, and incorporates, stat. 41 G. 3. U. K.
c. 109. the General Inclosure Act then in force."

Sect. 17 enacts: "That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to stop up, divert, turn, or in any other way alter any old carriage road, bridleway or footpath leading through or over the said common or waste lands hereby directed to be divided, allotted and inclosed, or passing or leading through any of the old inclosures within the said manors of *Cricklade Saint Sampson*, and *Cricklade Saint Mary*, or either of them; and the soil of the roads and ways so to be stopped up, diverted, turned, or in any other way altered, shall be deemed and taken as part of the lands and grounds so to be divided, allotted and inclosed: Provided always, that no such carriage road, bridleway or footpath passing or leading through any of the said inclosures in the said manors, shall be stopped up, diverted, turned, or in any other way altered, without the concurrence and order of any two justices of the peace for the said county of *Wills*, and not interested in the repair of such roads, and which order shall be subject to an appeal to the quarter sessions for the said county of *Wills*, in like manner and under such form and restrictions as if the same had been originally made by such justices."

Sect. 18 enacts: "That when and so soon as two or more of His Majesty's justices of the peace for the said county of *Wills*, at any special sessions to be holden by them, shall find, and shall under their hands and seals certify and declare any of the public carriage roads to be set out in pursuance of the said recited act and of this act, or any part of any such road, to be fully and sufficiently formed, repaired and completed, such road or roads, or so much thereof as shall in any such writing be described and certified, shall from thenceforth be supported and kept in repair by such persons, and in like manner as the public roads within the said parishes, or that part or district of the said parishes, or either of them, in which the same shall be, are or ought to be by law amended and kept in repair; and every such certificate shall, at the general quarter sessions of the peace to be holden for the county of *Wills* next after the date thereof, be filed of record by the clerk of the peace for the said county."

might fairly be described as passing along a broad lane, more than thirty feet wide; in other parts the common opened into a wide open field, across which the persons using the right of way rode much as they pleased, so that in those parts there was no definite track. The Commissioners by their award directed this common to be inclosed. They made no alteration in the bridleway, so long as it passed between the old inclosures. They ordered that, across the common to be inclosed, there should be set out a road thirty feet wide, as a "public bridle road," and as a "private carriage road" for certain persons, the owners of certain estates named in the award, and directed that the road should be kept in repair by those persons.

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The road was accordingly set out in fact: and at the trial it appeared that the whole of that portion which crossed what had been the common was out of repair. The termini of the road as at present existing were the same as those of the old right of way; but, as appears from the above statement of facts, it did not precisely follow the track over which the public were anciently accustomed to ride. No evidence was given of any certificate or order of justices. On these facts a verdict was directed for the Crown, subject to leave to enter a verdict for the defendants. In the ensuing term *Greenwood* obtained a rule nisi accordingly.

In this vacation (a),

Crowder, Keating and Slade shewed cause. There clearly was at one time a public bridleway, which the inhabitants of the parish were bound to repair. It lies

(a) *February 1st. Before Patteson and Coleridge J.*

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upon the defendants to shew something to put an end to this liability. Stat. 54 G. 3. c. clx. by itself clearly did not do so. Neither did the Commissioners under that act do any thing which could operate in law to make the ancient highway cease to be one. They had no authority given them to stop up highways without an order of justices, which was not proved to have been made. And the award shews that they did not intend to stop up the way, even if they had power to do so. The award, on the contrary, sets out the road to be used as a public bridle road. It is true, it also sets it out as a private carriage road for certain persons, and directs it to be repaired by them. The effect of that may be, that the parish have a remedy over against these individuals: that, if it be the case, does not take away the liability of the parish to the public; *Re St. George Hanover Square (a)*. Or it may be that the parish have no remedy over, though they may be obliged to repair the bridleway more frequently in consequence of the carriage traffic: that, though a hardship on the parish, cannot deprive the public of their right to have the highway kept in repair. Unless the defendants are liable on this indictment, the public right is lost; for it is clear that no indictment would lie against the persons who, by the award, are directed to keep the carriage road in repair, for not keeping up the public road.

If there is a defence arising from the award of the Commissioners, it is not open on Not guilty. When a statute takes away the common law liability of the parish, that may be given in evidence under Not guilty; but, when the statute does not by itself take away the liability, so that, to shew that the liability has ceased, it

(a) 3 Camp. 222.

is necessary to prove matters in pais subsequent to the statute (such as the award of Commissioners, or an order of justices), the defence should be pleaded specially.

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Greenwood and Hodges, contra. The evidence shews that the road, the subject of this indictment, is not the same as the ancient bridleway. The Commissioners had power to divert the line of the old way and substitute a different line: but it was a condition to this power, that an order of two justices should be obtained. They have, in fact, stopped up the old road, and laid out a new one; but if there was no order of justices that was not effectual in law; and the public still have a right to ride over the old track, and the parish are liable to keep the old road in repair; *Logan v. Burton (a)*. But the question now is, not whether the old road has been effectually extinguished, but whether the burden of repairing the new line of road is cast upon the defendants. They cannot be liable to repair both the old and the new line of road. And, as stat. 54 G. 3. c. clx. s. 18. makes the certificate of two justices a condition precedent to the liability to repair the new line, it makes the absence of such certificate a complete defence under Not guilty.

Cur. adv. vult.

PATTESON J., on a subsequent day in this vacation (*February 26th*), delivered the judgment of the Court.

This was an indictment for non-repair of a public bridle road. A verdict was found for the Crown, by consent, subject to a motion to enter a verdict for the defendants, for which purpose a rule nisi was obtained.

(a) 5 B. & C. 513., where *Harber v. Rand*, 9 Price, 58., was cited. See *Rex v. The Marquis of Downshire*, 4 A. & E. 698.

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The facts appear to be that there was an ancient public bridle way, passing in part through old inclosures, but, as to the greater part, over the common under which the Inclosure Act passed (54 G. 3. c. cl. 1) "one public bridle road and private carriage road" set out the road particular persons named, and to be kept in repair them; and it was set out to be 30 feet in width.

Before the inclosure, the road varied much in width, being much more than 30 feet in some places between old inclosures, and being undefined in the parts where it passed over the uninclosed lands. No order of justices for stopping or diverting the old road was ever obtained, nor any certificate of justices that the new road was sufficiently made.

It is quite plain that the old road has never been stopped. The new road continues a public bridle road as it was before, except that it has been narrowed in some parts, and defined in others; but the public have the same right of passage as before: and it is plain that the Commissioners had no power under the local act, or under stat. 41 G. 3. c. 109. (the general act then in force), to cast the burthen of the repair of the public road on private individuals.

It is, however, contended for the defendants that the award operated as a diversion of the old public bridle road, and a setting out of a new one; which it is said the Commissioners had power to do under the 8th & 9th sections of stat. 41 G. 3. c. 109 as interpreted by the Court in the case of *Logan v. Burton* (a); and, therefore, that the parish are not liable to repair it until justices have certified that it has been sufficiently made.

(a) 5 B. & C. 513.

The cases cited on the argument relate to roads, public or private, which have been stopped or diverted by the Commissioners, or left unnoticed in their award, and so impliedly extinguished and stopped. In this case, however, we are clearly of opinion that there has been no stopping or diverting of the old road; and, so far from being unnoticed in the award, it is expressly set out as a public bridle road.

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If the award had said no more, it would be impossible to raise a doubt as to the liability of the parish. But the award sets it out also as a private carriage road for particular persons, and to be kept in repair by them. It is difficult to say what is the effect, if any, of this latter clause in the award: it certainly cannot extinguish the liability of the parish to repair the road as a bridle road; nor ought it to increase their liability so as to compel them to repair it as a carriage road. No doubt there is hardship on the parish at all events, because the road is probably wider than it would be if it were simply a bridle road, and the necessity for repairs will obviously be much increased, if not entirely caused, by the use of it as a private carriage road; and it is difficult to distinguish how much repair must be done by the parish, and how much must be left to the particular persons who have the right of private carriage road, to do, or not, as they may think fit. This hardship and difficulty, however, cannot alter the legal right of the public, or the legal liability of the parish: and we have no doubt that the parish is bound to do such repairs as are requisite to maintain the road as a public bridle road, whatever may be the extent of such repairs.

.. The rule must be discharged.

Rule discharged (a).

(a) Reported by C. Blackburn, Esq.

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February 11th.

JOHN WRAY *against* WILLIAM CHAPMAN and
HENRY SMITH.

By the Metro-
politan Police
Act, 10 G. 4.
c. 44. s. 37.,
all sums ad-
judged by jus-
tices of peace
to be paid for
any offence
against the act
are to be paid
to the Receiver
of the Metro-
politan Police
district, who, by
sect. 10, is to
apply all mo-
neys applicable
to the purposes
of the act to
payment of
salaries, &c., of
the police force,
and of all other
charges and ex-
penses in carry-
ing the Act
into execution.
By stats. 2 &
3 Vict. c. 47.,
2 & 3 Vict. c.
71., and 3 & 4
Vict. c. 84., cer-
tain penalties
inflicted by
magistrates
within the Me-
tropolitan

DEBT for money had and received, and on an
account stated. Plea: Never indebted. Issue
thereon.

By order of *Wightman J.*, the following case was
stated for the opinion of this Court.

The plaintiff, since 1st *January* 1830, has been the
receiver of the Metropolitan Police District, appointed
under stat. 10 G. 4. c. 44. The defendants, since
1st *August* 1841, have been joint clerks to the magi-
strates of the *Richmond* Division in the county of *Surrey*,
such division being a part of the Metropolitan Police
District for which no police court has been established.

By sect. 10 of stat. 10 G. 4. c. 44., the receiver under
that Act is to receive all sums of money applicable to
the purposes of the Act, and to keep an exact and par-
ticular account thereof, and is to draw out of the Bank
from time to time, such sums as may be necessary for the
payment of the salaries, wages and allowances to be paid,
as thereafter mentioned, to the persons belonging to
the police force, to be appointed under the said Act, and

Police District are to be paid over to the Receiver, who is directed to pay salaries, pen-
sions, and charges attending the Metropolitan Police Courts, and in carrying the Act into
execution, and to apply the sums which he receives to the purposes of the Act. And
the clerks of the magistrates within the district are to keep an account of such fines and
penalties, to be rendered to the receiver quarterly; and the magistrates are to cause the
amount to be paid to him. The clerks of the justices of a part of *Surrey*, within the Metro-
politan Police District, for which no police court had been established, claimed to deduct
from the amount payable to the Receiver the amount of their fees for summonses granted
on the application of officers of the police force.

Held: that the clerks were entitled to such fees; but that they were not entitled to de-
duct them from the amount payable to the Receiver, or in any way to recover them from him,
the payment of such fees not falling under the description of carrying the Acts into execution.

also for the payment of all other charges and expenses in carrying the said Act into execution. By sect. 37 it is enacted that every sum which by any justices of the peace shall be adjudged to be paid for any offence against that Act shall be paid to the receiver appointed under that Act, to be by him added to and applied as part of the funds for the purposes of the police under that Act. By stat. 2 & 3 *Vict. c. 47.* provisions are made for enlarging the Metropolitan Police District; and, by various sections in that Act, different penalties are enacted for offences specified in those sections. Also, by sect. 22, it is enacted that certain sums therein mentioned, and also the moneys accruing from "fines imposed on any of the said constables for misconduct, and from any portion of the fines imposed by any magistrate upon drunken persons, or for assaults upon police constables, as shall be directed to be paid to the receiver for the benefit of this fund," "shall from time to time be invested in Government stock by and in the name of the receiver, and the interest and dividends thereof, or so much of the same as shall not be required for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, shall be likewise invested in such stock, and accumulate so as to form a fund to be called 'The Police Supernannuation Fund,' and shall be applied from time to time for payment of such superannuation or retiring allowances or gratuities as may be ordered by the Secretary of State at any time to any of the said constables as hereinafter provided." By sect. 75 it is enacted, "that in the construction of this Act the word 'magistrate' shall be taken to mean and include every justice of the peace appointed to be a magistrate of the Police Courts of the Metropolis, and also every justice of the peace acting

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in and for any part of the Metropolitan Police District for which no police court shall be established. By sect. 76 it is enacted: "that every such magistrate shall be empowered summarily to convict any person charged with any offence against this Act, on the oath of one or more witnesses or by his own confession, and to award the penalty or punishment herein provided for such offence; and the matter of such complaint shall be heard and determined by one of the justices appointed to be a magistrate of the police courts of the Metropolitan Police District at one of the said police courts; or if the offender shall have been committed or the offender apprehended in any part of the Metropolitan Police District for which no police court shall be established as aforesaid, the matter of such complaint may be also heard and determined by any two or more justices acting in and for the county in which the offence was committed the offender apprehended." Sect. 77 enacts: "that every case of the adjudication of a pecuniary penalty amends under this Act, and non-payment thereof, shall be lawful for the magistrate to commit the offender to any gaol or house of correction within his jurisdiction for a term not more than one calendar month, when the sum to be paid shall not exceed 5*l.*, the imprisonment to cease on payment of the sum due; and the costs for the recovery thereof, and so much of every such pecuniary penalty as shall not be awarded to the informer or other persons who have contributed to the conviction, shall be paid to the receiver of the Metropolitan Police for the purposes of this Act; and the residue thereof, under the direction of the magistrate by whom the same shall have been adjudged, shall be paid and applied either to the use of the informer alone or to the use

persons as shall have contributed to the conviction of an offender, in such shares and proportions as such court shall think fit." By stat. 2 & 3 *Vict. c. 71.* certain police courts, therein mentioned and stated then established, are continued; and by (s. 2.) it is given to the Crown to alter the number of police and the number of magistrates appointed to any of them and to order changes to be made of the places in which the Courts shall be holden within the Metropolitan District; and by (s. 3.) to supply the then present vacancies among the magistrates of the said Courts; and it is enacted that every person so appointed, and so every magistrate then already appointed to the said Courts, may act as a justice of the peace of (among the counties and places) the county of *Surrey*. By (s. 4.) it is enacted: "That the receiver of the Metropolitan Police District for the time being shall be the clerk of the said Courts, and shall receive all fees, fines, and forfeitures and other moneys applicable to the purposes of this Act, and shall pay quarterly the same as expenses, and charges attending the said Courts in carrying this Act into execution." By sect. 8 it is enacted: "that all the provisions and enactments contained in an Act passed" &c., 10 *Geo. 4. c. 44.*, relative to the drawing and accounting for moneys which may come into the hands of the receiver of the Metropolitan Police District for the purposes of that Act and for auditing the accounts and taking security from the said receiver, shall be deemed to extend to the said receiver in respect to all moneys which he shall receive under this Act, as fully as if the same were herein enacted; and with respect to all the powers and liabilities of the said receiver, or anything to be

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done by or any contract to be entered into with ~~the~~ said receiver, the execution of this Act shall be deemed one of the purposes of the said Act." By stat. 2 & 3 Vict. c. 71. s. 44. it is enacted: "that all offences committed within the limits of the Metropolitan Police District, which under this or any other Act are punishable on summary conviction before a justice or justices of the peace, may be heard and determined by any of the said magistrates sitting at one of the said police Courts, in a summary way," within the time and in the manner there mentioned. By sect. 46 it is enacted: "that the magistrates at each of the said Courts shall take care that one of their clerks shall, in books to be provided for that purpose, keep a full, true, and particular account of all fees taken and received thereat, together with all penalties and forfeitures which shall have been recovered, levied, or received in pursuance of any adjudication, conviction, or order had or made thereat, or any process or warrant issuing therefrom, to which books of account the said receiver shall at all times have free access; and the said magistrates shall, once in every quarter of a year, cause to be delivered to the receiver an account of all such sums received, with all proper vouchers for verifying the same, and shall cause the amount of all such sums to be paid to the receiver, to be applied by him towards the expences of the said Courts except fines imposed upon drunken persons, or upon constables for misconduct, or for assaults upon police constables, which shall be applied for the benefit of 'The Police Superannuation Fund,' and except also fees for the execution of summonses and warrants, which shall be applied towards defraying the charge of maintaining the police of the Metropolis." By sect.

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it is enacted: "that where by any Act or Acts
y penalties or forfeitures, or shares of penalties or
feitures, are or shall hereafter be made recoverable in
summary manner before any justice or justices of the
ace, and by such act or acts respectively the same
or shall be limited and made payable to Her
Majesty, or to any body corporate, or to any person or
sons whomsoever, save the informer who shall sue
the same, or any party aggrieved, in every such
e the same, if recovered or adjudged before any of
said magistrates, shall be recovered for and ad-
ged to be paid to the said receiver for the time
ng, and not to any other person; but this enactment
ll not extend to any penalties or forfeitures re-
vered under any Act relating to the customs, or to
de or navigation, and sued for by the direction of
a Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs, which
all be paid to such person as the said Commissioners
all direct to receive the same." By sect. 55, it is
acted that the said Act and stat. 10 G. 4. c. 44. and
t. 2 & 3 Vict. c. 47. shall be construed together as
e act. Stat. 3 & 4 Vict. c. 84. s. 1. enacts that so
ch of stat. 2 & 3 Vict. c. 47. as enacts that in the
struction of that Act the word "magistrate" shall
taken to include every justice of the peace acting
and for any part of the Metropolitan Police District
which no police court shall be established, and that
any offence against that Act shall have been com-
itted or the offender apprehended in any part of the
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o or more justices acting in and for the county in

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which the offence was committed or the offender apprehended, shall be repealed. By sect. 6 it is enacted: "that any two justices of the peace having jurisdiction within the Metropolitan Police District shall have, while sitting together publicly in the court or room used for holding special or petty sessions of the peace in any part of the said district within the limits of their commission, except in the divisions to be assigned to the police courts already established, and any two of the justices of the peace for the city of *London* and the liberties thereof, having jurisdiction within the city of *London* and the liberties thereof, shall within the said city of *London* and the liberties thereof have all the powers, privileges, and duties which any one magistrate of the said police courts has while sitting in one of the said courts by" stat. 2 & 3 *Vict. c. 47.* and stat. 2 & 3 *Vict. c. 71.*, "or either of them."

Quarterly accounts of the fines imposed, under the above mentioned acts, by two justices of the *Richmond* Division sitting together publicly in the court used for holding special and petty sessions of the peace for the said division within the Metropolitan Police District, between 31st *December*, 1843, and 31st *December*, 1846, and payable to the plaintiff as receiver of the Metropolitan Police District on account of the "Police Superannuation Fund" (subject only to the alleged right of the defendants to deduct the same as hereinafter mentioned), have been duly delivered to the plaintiff as such receiver according to the provisions of stat. 2 & 3 *Vict. c. 71. s. 46.*; and the correctness of all such accounts is certified at the foot thereof by the defendants as clerks to the said justices. The returns are headed:

“ *Richmond* Division in the county of *Surrey*. Return of fines which have been imposed by the justices during the quarter ending ” (here the day, month and year on which the quarter ends are stated), “ and which are payable to the receiver for the time being of the police of the metropolis on account of the ‘ Police Superannuation Fund,’ namely, ‘ fines imposed upon drunken persons, or upon constables for misconduct, or for assaults upon police constables.’ *Vide* Police Acts.”

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And the certificate at the foot thereof is as follows:

“ We certify that the foregoing statement is a just and true account of all fines imposed by the justices of the *Richmond* Division during the period therein specified, which are payable to the receiver for the police of the metropolis on account of the “ Police Superannuation Fund,” certified to be correct.

“ (Signed) *Chapman & Smith*,

“ , Justice.” Clerks to the justices.”

Also similar accounts for the same period of the fines and penalties imposed under the above mentioned Acts by two justices of the said division, sitting together publicly in the said court used for holding special and petty sessions of the peace for the said division within the Metropolitan Police District, and payable to the plaintiff as such receiver on account of the “ Police Courts Fund,” subject only to the said alleged right of the defendants, have been duly delivered to the plaintiff, certified as aforesaid. The returns are headed :

“ *Richmond* Division in the county of *Surrey*. Return of all fines and penalties which have been imposed by the justices during the quarter ending the ” (here

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the day, month and year in which the quarter ~~ends~~ are stated), " and which are payable to the receiver (~~for~~ the time being) of the police of the metropolis on ~~ac-~~ count of the Police Courts Fund in pursuance of ~~any~~ adjudication, conviction or order had or made by ~~any~~ justice of such district, excepting fines directed to ~~be~~ paid to the 'Police Superannuation Fund,' or penalties recovered under Revenue Acts."

And the certificate at the foot thereof is as follows :

" We certify that the foregoing statement is a ~~just~~ and true account of all fines and penalties imposed ~~by~~ the justices of *Richmond* division during the period therein specified, which are payable to the receiver ~~for~~ the police of the metropolis on account of the 'Police Courts' Fund.'" " Certified to be correct,

(Signed) " *Chapman and Smith* ~~A.~~

" , Justice." " Clerks to the Justices."

The amount of the fines so payable to the plaintiff, subject to the question as to the defendants' claim hereinafter raised, on account of the " Police Superannuation Fund " is 10*l.* 9*s.*

The amount of the fines so payable to the plaintiff, subject as aforesaid, on account of the " Police Courts Fund," is 55*l.* 17*s.* : the said two sums amounting ~~to~~ 66*l.* 6*s.*, the sum for which this action is brought. The said sum of 10*l.* 9*s.* consists of fines imposed for assault upon constables under stat. 10 *G.* 4. c. 44. Of the said sum of 55*l.* 17*s.*, 15*l.* are penalties or forfeitures recoverable under stats. 10 *G.* 4. c. 44. and 2 & 3 *Vict.* c. 47.; 15*l.* are penalties or forfeitures recoverable under stat. 2 & 3 *Vict.* c. 71.; and the remaining 25*l.* 17 are penalties or forfeitures recoverable under other Acts and the general law of the land.

The sum of 66*l.* 6*s.* has, before the commencement of this action, been demanded by the plaintiff as receiver of the Metropolitan Police district, and is claimed by him by virtue of the several provisions of the aforesaid acts of parliament: but the defendants retain, and contend that they are entitled to retain, the said sum as and for and on account of certain fees to which they are justly and legally entitled as clerks to the said justices, for and in respect of certain informations, summonses, warrants and other proceedings, upon applications made by officers of the metropolitan police to the said magistrates so publicly sitting in the said petty sessions court, arising out of offences created by the said acts, and other offences against the laws of this realm, whereof the said justices have jurisdiction to hear and decide summarily, and which offences are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or by imprisonment in default of paying a fine. These applications for summonses, warrants and other proceedings were made by the inspector, sergeants or constables of the metropolitan police force, acting under the orders of the Commissioners of Police: and of the fees so claimed by the defendants 25*l.* 9*s.* are for proceedings under stat. 10 *G.* 4. c. 44. and stat. 2 & 3 *Vict.* c. 47.; 15*l.* are for proceedings under stat. 2 & 3 *Vict.* c. 71.; and 25*l.* 17*s.* are for proceedings arising out of offences against other acts, and the general laws of this realm. The fees to which the defendants are thus entitled are the authorised fees of the county of *Surrey* payable to them by the applicant; and which were duly fixed at the Quarter Sessions for the said county, by virtue of stat. 26 *G.* 2. c. 14., and afterwards duly allowed by Sir *Nicolas Conyngham Tindal* and Sir *John Bernard Bosanquet*, Knights, Her

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Majesty's justices of assize for the said county, on *the* 9th *August* 1841.

The plaintiff contends that he, as receiver, is entitled, under the aforesaid provisions, to the whole of the said sum, and not liable to pay any fees to the defendants as such clerks as aforesaid. The pleadings in this cause, and also the statutes 10 G. 4. c. 44., 2 & 3 Vict. c. 47., 2 & 3 Vict. c. 71., 3 & 4 Vict. c. 84. and 26 G. 2. c. 14. are to be considered as part of this case.

The question for the opinion of the Court is, whether the defendants, as clerks to the said justices, are entitled to retain the said fines, accounts whereof have been so returned by them to the receiver, as for or on account of fees to which they are legally entitled as aforesaid; or otherwise, whether the defendants are entitled to be paid their said legal and accustomed fees by the receiver; or whether they are bound to pay over the same to the plaintiff.

If the Court shall be of opinion that the defendants are entitled to retain the whole amount of the said fees, or to claim back from the said receiver the amount of such fees, then the plaintiff agrees that judgment shall and may be entered against him of nolle prosequi, immediately after the decision of this case, or otherwise as the Court may think fit: but, if the Court shall be of opinion that the defendants are not entitled to retain or be paid by the receiver, as such, such fees as aforesaid, then the defendants agree that judgment shall be entered against them by confession for the said amount, or such sum as the Court shall decide upon, immediately after the decision of this case, or otherwise as the Court may think fit.

T. F. Ellis, for the plaintiff. It is intended in this

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to raise two points: 1., Whether police constables, acting in discharge of their duty in making applications to justices of the peace, are liable to pay clerk's fees: 2., Whether the receiver is liable in any way for these fees. [*Patteson J.* Neither point was on the pleadings. The only question on them was whether the clerks have a lien on the money in their hands; and it seems impossible to contend that they have.] The wish of the Commissioners of Police is to have an opinion to guide them on those two points. The Court should think that, in any way, by *manus* or otherwise, the receiver can be made liable to pay the fees claimed by the defendants, the plaintiff would waive all technical objections. [*Patteson J.* It is very inconvenient to discuss a question which does not arise. *Bovill*, for the defendants, said that the object of both parties in framing the case was to have an opinion for their guidance on these points. By consent of the Court, and at the request of both parties, the argument proceeded.] First: As to the right of clerks to take fees from police constables. In other words, is a constable to pay the justice's clerk for leave to perform his duty, whenever that duty binds the constable to make an application to a justice? The constable has no interest in the matter; and he is not furnished with any funds out of which to pay the fees. He is a mere servant of the law, as the clerks themselves are. Secondly: Assuming that such fees are payable, they are not a charge on the funds in the receiver's hands. The fund is appropriated to special purposes. The enactments are set out in the case: in none of them is there any language which can be construed as appropriating the fund to the payment of

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clerks' fees. The payment of those fees cannot be considered an expense incurred in carrying the Act into execution. Such an expense is merely the providing buildings and other things requisite for working the Acts. The fees incidental to prosecution are incurred in carrying into execution the general law of the land. Where the Legislature has considered the expenses of carrying an Act into execution to involve expenses of prosecution, the language and the organization of the Act have been different from those of the Acts now in question, as under stat. 5 & 6 W. 4. c. 76., where the words of sect. 92, "necessarily incurred in carrying into effect the provisions of this Act," apply to the expenses of a Court, the jurisdiction of which originates in the Act, as was held in *Regina v. Mayor of Gloucester* (a). In the present case the constables, in laying informations before justices, are not carrying out the purposes of the Police Acts, but giving effect to the general law of the land.

Bovill, contra. The first question is, whether the justices' clerks are to act gratuitously whenever they are called on by a public officer to do so. Justice clerks are entitled to fees by old usage, confirmed by statute. The clerks in the county of *Surrey* are, as appears by the case, entitled, by a schedule made under the powers of stat. 26 G. 2. c. 14., to fees from the applicants. What is there to take away that right when a public officer is concerned? It cannot be said that he who applies for a summons is not an applicant because he is a constable. In *Regina v. Coles* (b) *Coleridge J.* points out the principle. "Whoever

(a) 5 Q. B. 862.

(b) 8 Q. B. 75. 82.

wants the thing in respect of which the fee is made payable must pay the fee." Then, as to the second point. The receiver is, by stat. 2 & 3 *Vict. c. 71. s. 7.*, to apply the penalties "in carrying this Act into execution." This casts on him a legal duty, enforceable by mandamus, to apply the penalties to that purpose; and putting a Police Act in execution includes paying clerks' fees; *Regina v. Mayor of Gloucester* (a).

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Ellis was heard in reply.

PATTESON J. The intention of the parties is, it appears, to raise two questions for our decision. First: Whether the justices' clerks are entitled to receive fees, at all, from police constables who in the course of their duty apply to them. On that question I entertain no doubt. The clerks of the justices are entitled to fees according to the table of fees made pursuant to stat. 26 *G. 2. c. 14.* It would, I think, be a most extraordinary thing if the Legislature had by one of the Police Acts (2 & 3 *Vict. c. 71. s. 9.*) secured to the clerks of the police courts large salaries, of from 500*l.* to 300*l.* a year, and had by any provision, in the same set of Acts, enacted that the clerks of justices, doing the very same duties in other divisions of the very same districts, should receive no remuneration. There is nothing to shew that the Legislature had any such intention: and, unless we were to go so far as to say that all constables throughout the kingdom have, when in exercise of their duty, a right to demand the services of the clerks of justices gratuitously, we must say that these clerks are entitled to the fees, according to the table, from police constables. It is rather singular that in stat. 2 & 3 *Vict.*

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c. 71. s. 43. there is a provision authorising the taking of fees by the police magistrates themselves; those fees are, I suppose, not in practice taken from the police, or this question would not now be raised; but I see nothing in the Act to distinguish between the police and others. That, however, is beside the present point; which is, whether the justices' clerks are entitled to fees from police constables. I think they are so entitled. The next question is, in effect, how the justices' clerks are to obtain payment of those fees. I think that the clerks cannot retain money paid to them as a fine, and apply it to reimbursing themselves fees which ought to have been paid to them and were not: they could do so in no case, unless there were some special enactment enabling them. Then, it is said that a mandamus would lie to compel the receiver to pay them the fees to which they are entitled. That depends on whether we can find any enactment casting a duty on the receiver so to apply the funds. The enactments, directing the receiver to apply the fund to paying the expenses of carrying out the purposes of the police Acts, apply, I think, not to the expenses of conducting prosecutions and the like by policemen, whether for offences under these Acts or under the general law, but to defraying the expenses of the machinery of the police courts created by these Acts. If, then, we cannot apply those words, and there are no others which can apply, what possible remedy can the clerks have against the receiver? Unless the statutes say that the receiver shall pay, no mandamus will lie. Therefore, I answer the question put in the case by saying that the defendants have no remedy against the receiver as such: and judgment must be for the plaintiff.

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CLERIDGE J. I am of the same opinion. On the question, whether the clerks are entitled to receive from applicants when those applicants are police—my difficulty has been to see any reason for why they are not so entitled. The administration of justice was in old times always made a source of profit; and in every Court, from the highest to the lowest, fees were payable. The justice of the peace himself did the work, and received the fees. Now the justice and the justices are different persons; and the justice receives the fees. His right to do so is at once defined and regulated by stat. 26 G. 2. c. 14. The question, then, is the general duty of the clerk? Not to act gratuitously, but to act on being paid by the applicant at the just and reasonable fee. Then how can the clerk act, that it is the duty of the policeman to apply, and the duty of the clerk? The policeman does not come to be an applicant because it is his duty to apply. It comes the second question. The clerk not being a party at the time of the application, the fee due to him can he recover it from the receiver, or retain it out of the money in his hands which he is to pay to the receiver? At common law it is clear he would have no such right. There is no privity between him and the receiver: his right was to have the fee from a particular person, the applicant. Do, then, the statutes give him such a right? It is said they do; because the receiver is to apply the funds for the purposes of the Acts; and it is said that paying these fees is one of the purposes. I think that a strained construction. If these were the true one, I do not see why the receiver should not equally be bound to defray all the costs of

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all prosecutions. I think there is no remedy against the receiver.

ERLE J. I am of the same opinion on both points. It seems to me that the clerks of justices in parts within the Metropolitan Police District, but in which no police Court is established, have the same right to receive fees from police constables that the clerks of justices in places out of the Metropolitan Police District have to receive fees from other constables. Statute 2 & 3 Vict. c. 71. s. 42. in effect declares that such is the law; for we find in that section a very specific enactment, taking away the right to fees from the clerks of justices in parts within the Metropolitan Police District for which police Courts shall be established. That specific provision impliedly recognises the right to fees of the clerks to justices in parts for which no such Courts have been established. I think such clerks have the same right, and may enforce it in the same manner, as the clerks to justices in other parts of the kingdom. Then comes the second question. Now the table of fees points out the applicant as the person who is to pay the fee; and in *Regina v. Coles* (a) my brother Coleridge points out the principle: "whoever wants the thing in respect of which the fee is made payable must pay the fee." The receiver is not connected with the application. There is no enactment, that I can find, which makes it his duty to apply for these things. Is there, then, any ground for saying that there is by any part of the statutes a duty cast upon the receiver to pay the clerks,

(a) 8 Q. B. 82.

that a mandamus against him would lie? I can find
 e. I come, therefore, to the conclusion that the
 ks are entitled to these fees, but that they have no
 edy against the receiver, nor can they retain them
 of the money they are to pay him.

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Judgment for plaintiff (a).

(a) Reported by C. Blackburn, Esq.

See the next case.

The following case, decided in *Hilary* Vacation 1853,
 may conveniently be added here.

LEVERICK *against* MERCER.

[Saturday,
 February 5th,
 1853.]

THIS was an action on the case, brought by a con-
 stable of the Metropolitan Police District force
 inst the treasurer of the county of *Kent*, for the non-
 ment of divers sums of money respectively ordered
 e paid by different orders of magistrates. The de-
 ation contained seventeen counts: but the effect of
 n will sufficiently appear (a) by the points delivered

Under stats.
 27 G. 2. c. 3.,
 10 G. 4. c. 44.,
 2 & 3 Vict.
 c. 47., and 11 &
 12 Vict. c. 42.,
 if a prisoner be
 committed for
 trial for felony
 to the county
 gaol, for an
 offence com-
 mitted in the
 county within

Metropolitan police district, the committal being by a county magistrate within such
 ty and district, and the warrant be delivered to a Metropolitan police constable,
 untly magistrate may order repayment by the county treasurer to the Metropolitan
 e constable of the expences incurred by him in conveying the prisoner to the gaol, the
 mer himself having no funds available for that purpose. And the county treasurer
 ble to an action on the case if he refuse to pay under such order.

It makes no difference that the warrant, on the face of it, is directed to the parish con-
 e: because (1) the proper persons to execute it are the Metropolitan police constables;
 (2) the treasurer is not authorised to inquire whether the proper constable has executed
 warrant, but must obey the order.

10, in the case of a committal for trial for misdemeanour.

10, in the case of summary conviction, and sentence of fine, and imprisonment in default
 ayment, and committal upon such default, by order under stat. 11 & 12 Vict. c. 43.

10, in the case of a remand on a charge of felony or misdemeanour, whether the prisoner
 ultimately committed for trial or not.

30, where the warrant of commitment is directed only to the keeper of the county gaol.

(a) The first count is set out in the note at the end of this case.

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So, where the magistrate who issues the warrant is a Police magistrate, sitting in a Metropolitan Police Court, under stat. 10 G. 4. c. 44., 2 & 3 Vict. c. 71.

So, where the magistrate who makes the order on the treasurer is such a Police magistrate.

So, where there is no express direction of the warrant.

So, where the committal is for a refusal to enter into recognisances to appear at sessions, and to keep the peace in the meantime.

So, where the committal is for further examination, on a charge of felony or misdemeanour, but the prisoner is afterwards summarily convicted of misdemeanour.

But, where a prisoner is remanded for reexamination, and the keeper of the gaol delivers such prisoner to a constable to be conveyed before the magistrates, the constable is not entitled to be remunerated from the county rate for the expence of such conveyance.

Though he would be so entitled if he conveyed him before the magistrate by order of the magistrate.

for the plaintiff. The defendant demurred generally; and the plaintiff joined in demurrer.

Points for the plaintiff.

The plaintiff will contend that the defendant, being treasurer for the county of *Kent*, and having funds from the county rate, was bound to pay to the plaintiff, being a Metropolitan Police constable, the sums ordered to be paid out of the county rate for the charges incurred by the plaintiff in conveying prisoners to the county gaol (such prisoners having means of defraying the same) under the circumstances stated in the several counts of the declaration; that is to say :

I. By virtue of an order for payment, made with the county and Metropolitan Police district, by justice of the county of *Kent*, not being a Metropolitan Police magistrate :

(Count 1.) Where the prisoner was charged in a parish, wholly within the county and the Metropolitan Police district, before a justice of the county, not being a Metropolitan Police Magistrate, with felony committed in a parish, wholly within the county and district, and was committed to the gaol for trial by such justice by a warrant directed to the constable of that parish and the keeper of the gaol, and delivered to the plaintiff.

(Count 2.) Where the charge was of misdemeanour; but the circumstances were otherwise the same as in the first count.

Count 3.) Where the prisoner was in the county and district convicted before two justices of the county, not being Metropolitan Police magistrates, of an offence committed in the county and district, and adjudged to pay money, or in default thereof to be imprisoned; and was, in default of payment, committed in the county and district, by warrant of a justice of the county not being a Metropolitan Police magistrate; but the circumstances were otherwise the same as those in the first count.

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Count 4.) Where the charge was of felony, and the prisoner was committed for reexamination, and the charges in question were incurred in conveying him to gaol under that committal, and the prisoner was afterwards committed for trial; but the circumstances were otherwise the same as those in the first count.

(Count 5.) Where the charge was of misdemeanour; but the circumstances were otherwise the same as those in the fourth count.

(Count 6.) Where the circumstances were the same as those in the fourth count, except that the prisoners were afterwards discharged.

(Count 7.) Where the circumstances were the same as those in the fifth count, except that the prisoner was never committed for trial.

II. By virtue of an order for payment made at a Metropolitan Police court, within the county, by a Metropolitan Police magistrate :

(Count 8.) Where the prisoners were charged, at a Metropolitan Police court within the county, before a Metropolitan Police magistrate, with a felony committed within the county and district, and were committed to gaol for trial by such justice, by a

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warrant directed to all the Metropolitan Police constables and the keeper of the gaol, and delivered to the plaintiff.

(Count 9.) Where the prisoner was, at a Metropolitan Police court within the county, brought before a Metropolitan Police magistrate for threatening, within the county and district, a breach of the peace, and was adjudged to enter into recognizances, and afterwards was, by the said magistrate at the said court, committed by a warrant, directed to the keeper of the gaol, to appear at quarter sessions, unless he should enter into the recognizances, and the warrant was delivered to the plaintiff.

(Count 10.) Where the prisoners were, at a Metropolitan Police court within the county, convicted before Metropolitan Police magistrate, of an offence committed in the county and district, and adjudged pay money, and, in default thereof, to be imprisoned, and were, in default of payment, afterwards committed by the said magistrate at the said court, by warrants directed to all the Metropolitan Police constables and the keeper of the gaol, and delivered to the plaintiff.

(Count 11.) Where the charge was of felony, and the prisoner, by warrant directed to the keeper of the gaol, was committed for reexamination, and the charges in question were incurred in conveying him to gaol under that committal, and the prisoner was afterwards committed for trial; but the circumstances were otherwise the same as those in the eighth count.

(Count 12.) Where the charge was of misdemeanour, and the warrant was directed to all the Metropolitan Police constables and the keeper of the gaol; but the

circumstances were otherwise the same as those in the eleventh count.

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Count 13.) Where the circumstances were the same as those in the eleventh count, except that the warrant was directed to all the Metropolitan Police constables and the keeper of the gaol, and the prisoner, who was remanded, was afterwards discharged.

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(Count 14.) Where the circumstances were the same as those in the twelfth count, except that the prisoners were afterwards discharged.

(Count 15.) Where the prisoner was charged, at a Metropolitan Police court within the county, before a Metropolitan Police magistrate, with a felony committed within the county and district, and was, by such justice, by a warrant directed to all the Metropolitan Police constables and the keeper of the gaol, and delivered to plaintiff, committed for reexamination, and the charges in question were incurred in conveying him to gaol under that committal, and the prisoner was afterwards, on reexamination, convicted by the said magistrate, at the said court, of unlawful possession of property, and sentenced to imprisonment.

(Count 16.) Where the circumstances were the same as those in the fifteenth count, except that the prisoner, on conviction, was sentenced to a fine, which he paid.

III. The plaintiff will further contend that the defendant is liable to pay to him the charges incurred:

(Count 17.) Where the prisoner was charged, at a Metropolitan Police court within the county, before a Metropolitan Police magistrate, with being found in possession of property for which he could not satisfactorily account, and was by him then committed to

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gaol for reexamination by warrant directed to all the Metropolitan Police constables and the keeper of the gaol, and delivered to the plaintiff; and afterwards the prisoner was delivered to the plaintiff by the keeper of the gaol, to be conveyed, and was conveyed, back to the court for reexamination; and the charges in question were incurred in the conveying last mentioned: and an order was made by a Metropolitan Police magistrate for the payment by the defendant to the plaintiff of such charges.

The case was argued in *Michaelmas* term(a) 1852, by *Channell* Serjt. for the defendant and *T. F. Ellis* for the plaintiff. The judgment makes it unnecessary to report the argument.

Cur. adv. vult.

COLERIDGE J. now delivered the judgment of the Court.

In the first count of this declaration, a magistrate of the county of *Kent*, not a Metropolitan Police magistrate, is stated to have committed a man in that part of the county which is within the Metropolitan Police district, for an offence alleged to have been committed within that part, to the county gaol. The warrant directed to the constable of the parish, is delivered by the magistrate to the plaintiff, a Police constable in the district, and is by him executed. Expenses are incurred; and the prisoner has no means of defraying them. These are ascertained by another county magis-

(a) *November* 16: before Lord Campbell C. J., Coleridge, Wightman and Erle Js.; and *November* 19, before Lord Campbell C. J., Coleridge and Erle Js.

, after ascertainment, makes an order on the
the county treasurer, to pay them; which
uly delivered to him; and he has county
his hand, out of which they might be paid,
uses to do so. The count stating these facts
d to.

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be taken that, if the offence had not been
have been committed within the Metro-
lice district, and the plaintiff had only been
constable, he would have been clearly en-
the order for his expenses; and that that
ld have issued regularly to the defendant as
treasurer (a).

estions, therefore, will be:—First, does the
of the offence having been committed within
t make the order invalid? Second, Does the
the warrant, being directed to the parish
was delivered by the magistrate to the
Police constable, and executed by him,
effect?

he first question, the Metropolitan Police
. 4. c. 44., does not deprive the magistrates
dinary criminal jurisdiction out of sessions
Metropolitan Police district. The act, there-
mmittal to the county gaol was one which
magistrate had authority to do. So, again,
magistrate was competent to ascertain and
ayment of the expenses of taking the prisoner
this was not seriously contested by my

ie law on this point antecedently to stat. 10 G. 4. c. 44.,
authorities were referred to in the argument: 2 *Hale*,
Abbr. Corone, 328.; stat. 4 E. 3. c. 10.; 2 *Hale*, *P. C.*
1. c. 10.; stat. 27 G. 2. c. 3.; *Rex v. Pierce*, 3 *M. & S.*

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brother *Channell*; but he argued that the order ~~was~~ made on a wrong officer and a wrong fund; for ~~that~~, the offence having been committed within the Metropolitan Police district, the fund properly chargeable was the Metropolitan Police fund, and the receiver for the Metropolitan Police district the officer on whom ~~the~~ order should have been made (a). This fund and officer were created by stat. 10 G. 4. c. 44., and enlarged by several succeeding statutes, but is not interfered with by stat. 11 & 12 Vict. c. 42. s. 26., under which ~~the~~ order in question purports to have been made.

By stat. 10 G. 4. c. 44. s. 10., the receiver is authorised to defray out of the fund "the salaries, wages, and allowances to be paid," as in the same Act after mentioned, "to the persons belonging to the Police force appointed under this Act, and also" "all other charges and expenses in carrying this Act into execution." The salaries, wages, and allowances here provided for are enumerated in sect. 12, and certainly do not include a case such as that now before us. And it should seem that the only functionaries from whom the receiver is to have orders or directions for payment of money are the Police magistrates, ~~or~~ a principal Secretary of State. And, reading the 10 ~~th~~ section with the light thrown on it by the 12th, ~~we~~ think the present case does not fall within the general words of a charge or expense in carrying the Act into execution. We certainly see nothing which empowers an ordinary justice of the peace to make any order on the receiver. The Police fund, as mentioned above, has, under several statutes referred to in the argument,

(a) On this point, reference was made to *N'ray v. Chapman*, ante, p. 742.

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been increased by grants from the consolidated fund; but these statutes make no difference in regard to the matters now under consideration. It is not shewn, therefore, that the order is bad in respect of the fund on which it is made, by pointing out any other on which it could properly have been made.

Then, can the order be objected to on the ground that the warrant was badly delivered to the plaintiff, being directed to the parish constable. We think certainly not. By stat. 2 & 3 *Vict. c. 47. s. 11.* the commissioners of Police are to take care that a sufficient number of Police constables shall be in attendance upon every magistrate sitting at any Police court within the limits of the Metropolitan Police district, and at every other criminal court holden within the district, for the purpose of executing such summonses and warrants as may be directed to them. The Police constables, therefore, are to attend, not merely on Police magistrates nor at Police courts, but on every magistrate and at every criminal court within the district. And, as they are to attend for the purpose of executing summonses and warrants, it seems clearly to follow, that they are to attend where persons under charge of felony may be summoned to attend, or committed under warrant to prison. But this is made perfectly clear by the 12th section, which enacts that thenceforward all summonses and warrants to be issued in any criminal proceeding within the Metropolitan Police district, or by any magistrate within the said district, *shall be served and executed* by a Police constable, and by none other. : Unless, therefore, this warrant could be lawfully executed by a Police constable, it could not be executed at all. Looking at the

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language of the 11th and two following sections, it may be that it would have been more correct to direct the warrant, not to the parish constable, but to all the Police constables. Still, however directed, it could only be served and executed by a Police constable. A warrant, directed as this, could at common law give the parish constable no authority beyond his own parish; for, being directed to him not by name, but only in his character of officer, its virtue was not measured by the authority of the magistrate granting it, but by that of the officer receiving it; *Rex v. Weir (a)*. The statute 5 G. 4. c. 18. s. 6., however, passed in the year next after this decision, and probably in consequence of it, altered the law, and made the authority of the magistrate the measure of that of the officer to whom the warrant is directed merely as such, and not by name. Even in a case in which the validity of the warrant should come immediately in question, this statute has made the direction of it less important than it was before: and, even in such a case, it might perhaps be held that the magistrate delivering the warrant himself to the plaintiff, directed to the parish constable, who merely as such could not execute it, must be taken to treat the plaintiff as the parish constable pro hac vice. But we do not think that this question was one open to the defendant. He had to look to the order on himself, on the face of which there was no irregularity. It would be very inconvenient to hold that a county treasurer, receiving an order of this sort, regular on its face, was bound to enquire into the regularity of all the previous proceedings: was the prisoner duly

(a) 1 B. & C. 288.

red? has the magistrate duly ascertained the
 ses? was the officer conveying the lawful con-
 of the parish? Unless he was *bound* to see to
 and such matters, in order to make his payment
 the order a good discharge to himself, it seems
 sly more proper to hold that he is not at *liberty*
 ce any question upon them. The 13th section of
 & 3 *Vict. c. 47.* suggests an observation confirm-
 of this. That section provides that, where a
 it is directed *or* delivered to a police constable,
 it be necessary to execute it without delay, he is
 ver it to his superior officer, who shall appoint by
 ment one or more constables to execute it. It
 could be no part of the duty of the treasurer to
 an order was brought for payment to ascertain
 r the warrant had been delivered to the party
 ling it; and, if so, to enquire why he, and not
 other appointee of the superior officer, had ex-
 it.

was answered indeed, to this line of argument,
 he 11th, 12th and 13th sections of stat. 2 & 3
 : 47. must be understood as referring solely to
 magistrates acting anywhere within the Metro-
 . police district: and, therefore, that the plaintiff
 be considered as having been entirely without
 ity; and that the magistrate was under a mis-
 and did what he was not authorised in doing,
 he delivered the warrant to him. But there are
 very strong reasons against admitting this limita-
 : the plain meaning of the language used.

the first place, it is most important that on a
 : of this sort the language of the legislature
 receive the interpretation which plain common

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sense would put on it; for, if the warrant be delivered to one in whom it is unlawful to execute it, and there be resistance, and death occurs, the gravest question in the law would arise: and let it be observed that there is nothing so likely to occasion resistance as the doubts entertained in regard to the authority of the party holding the warrant.

If, secondly, a magistrate in a case like the present in order to avoid questions, should adopt the safe course, and in all cases direct and deliver the warrant to all Police constables, and to a Police constable by name, then, according to our clear opinion as to the Police fund, and the argument of the defendant as to the county rate fund, such constable can receive no indemnity for his expenses; for, if he cannot have recourse to either of these two funds, there being no suggestion of any third fund, he must remain unpaid. But this is clearly against the policy of the law, as manifested, not merely by stat. 11 & 12 Vict. c. 42., but by other former statutes. And we may add that it is equally clearly against the policy of good government, which points out that the public agents in the administration of criminal justice should be reasonably remunerated and indemnified by the public; at least in events when they cannot be so from the goods of the offender.

We are, therefore, of opinion that the plaintiff is entitled to our judgment on the first count.

And, with a view to the following counts, it may be convenient to state that the short grounds of our opinion are, that this case falls within the general enactments of stat. 11 & 12 Vict. c. 42.; that the Metropolitan Police Acts do not interfere with these, except.

in limiting the description of officer to whom warrants **should** be delivered within the Metropolitan police district; and that this warrant, though directed to the parish constable, was for the present purpose well delivered to the plaintiff: or that, at all events, the order for his remuneration was a valid order on the defendant.

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From these grounds it will follow that the plaintiff is also entitled to our judgment on the second count, in which the only difference is that the offence charged was a misdemeanour: and this is unimportant; for the justice was equally authorised to commit in this case as in felony; and it is upon the committal and the execution of the warrant that the right to the order for the expenses arises.

The third count states a case of commitment on a summary conviction, where the adjudication was in the first instance for a pecuniary penalty and costs, with the alternative of imprisonment in case of non-payment; and the facts stated bring it within stat. 27 *G. 2. c. 3. s. 1.* Now stat. 11 & 12 *Vict. c. 43.*, with respect to summary convictions and orders, makes no provision for these expenses, though it is full upon the subject of costs to be paid to the opposing party; and the form of commitment in the schedule (O. 1.) (a), which is applicable to this, assumes an adjudication extending to these expenses, and in itself extends the imprisonment until these, as well as the penalty and costs, are paid. But then stat. 27 *G. 2. c. 3.* is not repealed by this statute: and this statute expressly directs (b) the order to be made "when any person, not

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(b) Sect. 1.

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having goods or money within the county where he ~~is~~ taken, sufficient to bear the charges of himself, and ~~of~~ those who convey him, is committed to gaol or ~~the~~ house of correction," making no distinction as to ~~the~~ offence for which he is committed. And the treasurer ~~is~~, by the same section, is required to pay the ascertained amount as soon as he receives the warrant; "*and any sum so paid shall be allowed in his accounts.*" It could not be contended, in a case on which the Metropolitan Police Acts had no bearing, that the treasurer could resist this order: and we see no grounds for holding that they do here apply, any more than in the two preceding cases. We think, therefore, our judgment must be for the plaintiff on this as well as on the two preceding counts.

The fourth count of the declaration differs from the first in this respect only, that it states a case in which the magistrate remanded (a) the prisoner under a charge of felony, to be brought up at a day named, for further examination. This makes no difference in principle; and our judgment on this count also will be for the plaintiff.

The fifth count states a commitment for further examination of one *William Amos* for uttering, and ~~one~~ *George Brown* for having on his person, counterfeit coin, under a warrant directed only to the keeper of the county gaol, but delivered to the plaintiff for execution: in all other material respects it is the same as the second count; and these circumstances in which it differs raise no ground for a difference in our judgment.

The same conclusion we come to on the sixth count.

(a) In the argument, reference was made to 2 *Hale*, Pl. C. 119, 120.; *Davis v. Capper*, 10 B. & C. 28.; *Ycarb. Hil.* 10 H. 4. fol. 7 A. pl. 2.

were the committal was for further examination on a charge of felony, and on the subsequent enquiry the prisoners were discharged. The result of the enquiry and of course have no effect on the plaintiff's right to recover.

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The same remark applies to the seventh count, which is similar to the fifth count, except that the remanded prisoner was never finally committed for trial.

Thus far, the counts all state commitments by county magistrates, not of the Metropolitan Police, sitting within the Metropolitan Police district but not in a Metropolitan Police court, the warrants directed to the parish constable, but delivered to the plaintiff, the orders on the defendant made by county magistrates, not of the Metropolitan Police. We are now to consider cases in which the warrants for committal were made by Metropolitan Police magistrates sitting in Metropolitan Police courts within the district, directed to all the Police Constables, and delivered to the plaintiff, or by delivery delivered to him without any direction expressed

on their face, and the orders on the defendant for commitment also made by Metropolitan Police magistrates:

1. nine several counts are framed on cases of commitments, respectively, for trial on charges of felony; for refusing to enter into a recognizance with sureties to appear at the sessions and meantime to keep the peace and be of good behaviour; on summary convictions for assaults; for further examination on a charge of felony, followed by a commitment for trial; for further examination on a charge of misdemeanor followed also by

commitment for trial; for further examination on a charge of felony, followed by a discharge on such further examination; for further examination on a

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charge of misdemeanour, followed by a discharge; for further examination on a charge of felony, followed by a summary conviction of misdemeanour; and, lastly, for further examination on a charge of an indictable misdemeanour followed by a summary conviction of one by statute, punishable summarily, and adjudication of a fine, paid by the prisoner.

We have specified the different grounds of committal, and the results, because it must be presumed that the defendant thought these matters might be material: but it will be observed that they are either the same as those which have been dealt with in one or other of the first seven counts, or the differences arise after the title of the plaintiff, if any, to be remunerated has arisen, and cannot, therefore, affect it. We have noticed also the direction of the warrants; but this also is a point which we have already considered in our judgment on the earlier counts. So that the material points for consideration in respect of these nine counts are: that the warrants of committal, and the orders for payment, were made by Metropolitan Police magistrates, either sitting in Metropolitan Police courts, or at least directly acting as such.

Now, under stat. 10 G. 4. c. 44., these magistrates are appointed justices for the whole county as well the Police district; they are to discharge the duties Justice of the peace, some at least of them, both at the Police office and in all parts of the county (a). The argument, therefore, for the defendant must be founded not so much on a want of relation between these magistrates and himself, or a want of power in them generally, but that they have made their orders on the

(a) See, further, stat. 2 & 3 Vict. c. 71.

g fund, because the cases out of which the charges arose within the Police district, and came before in the Police courts, or at all events they have them on a fund not liable. The Police magistrate, if acting as a county magistrate out of the district, or even in it but out of his court, certainly, by virtue of his general authority as a county magistrate, make the same orders as an ordinary county magistrate might make, in all cases within the exception at the close of the 1st section of stat. 10 G. 4. As to all such he is a county magistrate, and nothing more: he has all general powers as an ordinary justice of the peace; and he has also special powers as a Police magistrate. The exception referred to in these words: "for the preservation of the peace, the prevention of crimes, the detection and committal of offenders, and in carrying into execution the purposes of this Act." A Police magistrate, therefore, act out of sessions in matters concerning the detention, or the committal, of offenders, and in carrying into execution the purposes of the Act. We think this language, fairly interpreted, extends to warrants and orders such as we are now dealing with. The Police magistrate cannot discharge his duty as such without committing offenders (under which term persons charged with offences must in reason be included) to county gaol: the committal can only be carried into effect by an agent; that agent must be a Police constable; the Police constable must be indemnified for expense necessarily incurred; he cannot be expected to defray it out of his wages or ordinary allowances; such indemnity can only be ascertained and ordered by a magistrate. We think, therefore, that

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the Police magistrate has *necessarily* the power to make an order on *some fund*. Then, is the Metropolitan Police fund that on which the order is to be made. To answer this, we must refer to stat. 10 G. 4. c. 44 s. 12. Now the only power which the Police magistrates have over that fund, by that section, is for an extraordinary expenses which shall appear to have been necessarily incurred in apprehending offenders and executing orders of Police magistrates, such expenses being first examined and approved by one of the Justices. Such orders as we are now considering clearly do not fall within the first branch of this sentence: nor do they within the second; for this, like the former, only extends to *extraordinary expenses*, not to such as must occur in almost every case of committal; and, if it had been intended to include expenses of conveyance under ordinary warrants of committal, we should have expected to find, not merely the word "orders," but "warrants," made use of. Looking at the whole section, it is clear to our minds that this part of it was intended only to provide for those extraordinary occasions which from time to time arise in the discharge of the duties of the Police properly so called, and had no reference to the daily duties of magistrates and constable.

We are, then, brought to the conclusion that the Police magistrate has power to make the orders in question on some fund, but not on the Police Fund; None other can be suggested but the County fund; and the general words of stat. 11 & 12 Vict. c. 42 taken in conjunction with those of stat. 10 G. 4. c. 44 are large enough to include Police as well as county magistrates.

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We think, therefore, that on these nine counts also judgment should be for the plaintiff. And this conclusion works no injustice. The parishes in a county, which are included within the Police district, contribute as well to the county rate as to the Police rate: expenses incurred by the conveyance of their offenders may, therefore, properly be borne by the county rate.

We have but one count remaining to be disposed of; in which it is stated that, the plaintiff having under a warrant conveyed a prisoner to the county gaol on remand for further examination, and the keeper of the gaol having received a warrant to bring the prisoner up again for examination, the plaintiff, at the request of the gaoler, received her from him, and conveyed her before the magistrate; and the order on which he seeks to recover is for the expense of so reconveying her. No statute was urged which authorised any such order; nor have we found any. By sect. 21 of stat. 11 & 12 Vict. c. 42., the power of remand is given to the justice, for not exceeding eight clear days, to the common gaol or House of Correction; or for not exceeding three clear days to the custody of the constable himself, in whose custody the prisoner previously was. If the latter course be adopted, the justice may order the constable to bring the prisoner before him; but no express provision is made in the former case for the bringing the prisoner up again. The statute, however, in general terms, provides that the justice of the peace may "order such accused party to be brought before him," or any other justice, "at any time before the expiration of the time for which such accused party shall be so remanded," and, then, that "*the gaoler or officer in whose custody he shall then be shall duly obey*

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such order." We do not think these last words necessarily put the officer and gaoler on the same footing, as to make it proper for the magistrate to order the gaoler to bring up the prisoner: and the practice would be so full of inconvenience that we think it ought not to be adopted. It seems to us that the words of the statute would be fully satisfied if we hold them only make it the duty of the gaoler to give up the prisoner to the officer who should bring the order of the magistrate for that purpose: and, if the magistrate made an order to the constable to bring him up at the same time that he orders the gaoler to deliver him, it would not be putting too large a construction on the words of the 26th section if the constable's expenses in obeying that order should be certified for as part of the entire expenses of the whole committal. But this course has not been adopted here; and clearly the constable is not under the gaoler's authority for this purpose; nor has this last any authority to make any such order as was here relied on. On this count judgment must be for the defendant.

We have, as requested, gone fully into all the various points which this case embraced; and our judgment will be for the plaintiff on all the counts but the last; on which it will be for the defendant.

Judgment accordingly.

The first count of the declaration (see p. 759., *antè*) charged:

"For that, whereas heretofore, and after the passing of a certain Act of Parliament made" &c. (11 & 12 Vict. c. 42., "to facilitate the performance of the duties of justices of the peace out of session within *England* and *Wales* with respect to persons charged with indictable offences"), "and after the 1st day of *October* A. D. 1848, to wit on the 7th day of *October* A. D. 1850, before Viscount *Sydney*, then being one of the justices of our Lady the Queen assigned to keep the peace of our said Lady the Queen in and for the county of *Kent*, and to

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and determine divers felonies, trespasses and misdemeanours in the county committed, one *Stephen Malloy* was, in that part of the said county of *Kent* which is within the metropolitan police district, charged, on oath of one *William Cheeseman*, of *Berley* in the said county, for the said *Stephen Malloy*, on the 5th day of *October* then instant, at the parish of *St. Mary Cray* in the said county, one waistcoat, of the value of 5s., of the goods and chattels of the said *W. Cheeseman*, feloniously did steal, take and carry away; and thereupon, in a reasonable time in that behalf, afterwards, to wit on the said 7th day of *October* in the year last aforesaid, the said Viscount *Sydney*, as and then being such justice as aforesaid, did, in that part of the said county of *Kent* which is within the said metropolitan police district, issue his warrant under his hand and seal, directed to the constable of the said parish of *St. Mary Cray* in the said county (the whole of which same parish, at the time of the supposed committing of the same supposed offence, and from thence until and at the time of the issuing of the said warrant, was a parish within the said metropolitan police district), and to the keeper of the common gaol at *Maidstone* in the said county; and thereby, after reciting that the said *Stephen Malloy* was so charged as aforesaid, commanded the constable to take the said *Stephen Malloy*, and him safely to convey to the common gaol at *Maidstone* aforesaid, and there to deliver him to the keeper thereof, with that warrant; and thereby also the said Viscount *Sydney*, as and then being such justice as aforesaid, commanded the keeper of the said common gaol to receive the said *Stephen Malloy* into his, the said keeper's, custody in the said common gaol, and there to keep him until he should be delivered by due course of law: and the said Viscount *Sydney*, as and then being such justice as aforesaid, did, in the said county and in the metropolitan police district, deliver the said warrant to the plaintiff, to be executed in due form of law, he, the plaintiff, then, and from thence until and at the time when he delivered the said *Stephen Malloy* as hereinafter mentioned, and at all the times hereafter mentioned, respectively, being one of the police force for the metropolitan police district, to wit a constable of the metropolitan police duly appointed under and according to the provision of the Act of Parliament made " &c. (10 G. 4. c. 44., "for improving the police in and about the metropolis"); "by virtue of which said warrant the plaintiff, as constable as aforesaid, in a reasonable time afterwards, to wit on the 7th day of *October* A. D. 1850, did, in the said county of *Kent*, take the said *Stephen Malloy*, and him safely convey to the said common gaol at *Maidstone* aforesaid in the said county, and there deliver the said *Stephen Malloy*, together with the said warrant, to *Joseph Bone*, then being the keeper of the said common gaol at *Maidstone* aforesaid, and who thereupon gave to the plaintiff, in a form to the like effect as the form referred to in the said first mentioned Act by the letter and figure following, that to wit T. 2., a receipt for the said *Stephen Malloy*, setting forth the

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state and condition in which the said *Stephen Malloy* was when he was delivered into the custody of the said *J. Bone*: and whereas the said *Stephen Malloy* had not, at any time, from the time when he was so taken by the plaintiff as aforesaid to or at the time when he was so delivered by the plaintiff as aforesaid, or at any other time, goods or money within the said county of *Kent* sufficient to bear the charges of himself, the said *Stephen Malloy*, and of the plaintiff who so conveyed him, or any part thereof: and whereas, by reason of the premises, the plaintiff became entitled to his costs and expenses for so conveying the said *Stephen Malloy* to the said gaol as aforesaid: and thereupon afterwards, to wit on the 30th day of *December* A. D. 1850, in the said county of *Kent*, *Coles Child*, Esq., as and then being another of the said justices of the peace for the said county of *Kent*, did ascertain the sum which ought to be paid to the plaintiff, for so conveying the said *Stephen Malloy* to the said gaol, to be the sum of 1*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.*, and did thereupon then in the said county, according to the form of the first mentioned Act of parliament, make an order upon and directed to the defendant, as and then being the treasurer of the said county of *Kent*, the said order being in a form to the like effect as the form referred to by the first mentioned Act by the said letter and figure T. 2.; and by which said order the said *Coles Child* then ordered the defendant, as such treasurer as aforesaid, to pay to the plaintiff, as such constable as aforesaid, the said sum of 1*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.*, according to the form of the statute in such case made and provided: and, although afterwards, and before the commencement of this suit, to wit on the day and year last aforesaid, the plaintiff produced and presented the said order to the defendant, then being such treasurer as aforesaid, for payment, and although the defendant, when the said order was so produced and presented to him as aforesaid, had in his hands, as such treasurer, sufficient money of the said county, arising out of the county rate of the said county, wherewith he could and might have paid to the plaintiff the said sum of 1*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.*: yet the defendant, disregarding his duty and the statute in such case made and provided, did not, nor would, at any time pay the said sum of 1*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.*, or any part thereof, to the plaintiff, but neglected and refused so to do: contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided.

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ENANT. The declaration made profert of an indenture, of 29th *June* 1848, made between defendant of the first part, *Richard Batley* of the second part, and plaintiff of the third part, reciting, inter alia, that for 2000*l.* dated 31st *July* 1846, made by one *Richard Batley*, for securing to *Batley* all such sums as he should advance as manager of improvements then contemplated on *Ogle's* estate, not exceeding 1000*l.*; and a writ of attorney, dated 1st *August* 1846, and a judgment of the Common Pleas entered up in pursuance thereof, on 4th *August* 1846, as a further security to plaintiff: reciting also articles of agreement of 1st *August* 1846, between *Ogle* of the first part, *Batley* of the second part, and defendant of the third part, in which articles (after stating an advance by the plaintiff to *Batley* with the privity of *Ogle*, of 100*l.*

for the purpose of being applied to the improvements, and the contemplated advance from time to time by the plaintiff to *Batley* of other sums for the same purpose, and on the security of an assignment of the bond and warrant of attorney (made by *Ogle* and *Batley* covenanted not to do any- thing on the estates without the defendant's consent: and also a deed of 1st *August* 1846, whereby plaintiff assigned the bond, warrant of attorney and writ of attorney to defendant as a security for such sums as should be so advanced by defendant for that purpose;

By indenture between plaintiff and defendant, reciting, inter alia, that defendant had advanced money to *O.* on the security of certain deeds, and that defendant was interested in those deeds to that extent, and that it had been agreed that plaintiff should make further advances to *O.*, and that defendant should assign the deeds and his interest therein to plaintiff as a security, defendant assigned them to plaintiff, and covenanted that the money so advanced to *O.* by defendant was due and unsatisfied to him.

In an action on this deed, assigning as breach that the money was not due at the time of making the covenant:

Held, that the recital, the defendant only,

if money had been advanced, was to be taken as the language of the plaintiff, and not estop the plaintiff from saying that it had not been advanced.

And a recital is intended to be an agreement of both parties to admit a fact, it estops both parties: but it is a question of construction whether the recital is so intended.

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and covenanted with defendant to pay such sum ~~as~~ :
 “and also therein” (in the indenture declared upon ~~by~~)
 “and thereby further reciting that the defendant ~~had~~,
 since the date of the said indenture of assignment, from ~~the~~
 time to time advanced, for the purposes therein recited ~~and~~,
 various sums amounting in the whole to 269*l.*, ~~and~~
 which were still owing to defendant, with interest
 thereon, upon and by virtue of the said recited security,
 and that defendant was interested in the said bond,
 warrant of attorney and judgment to the extent of *the*
 said amount”: and further reciting that plaintiff ad-
 vanced to *Ogle* 200*l.*, and that it was agreed, on *the*
 treaty for such advance, between the plaintiff, the de-
 fendant and *Ogle*, that defendant should on request
 assign to plaintiff all defendant’s interest as aforesaid
 in the bond, warrant of attorney and judgment, as *a*
 security to plaintiff for such advance. The declaration
 then stated that defendant, by the indenture declared
 upon, assigned to plaintiff the bond, warrant of attorney
 and judgment, and all interest, power of suit &c. ~~of~~
 defendant therein, and in the said articles of agreement
 and assignment, upon trust in the first place, out of ~~the~~
 moneys to be realised thereby, to retain for plaintiff ~~the~~
 the said sum of 200*l.* with interest, and then upon
 trusts for the benefit of defendant, *Batley* and *Ogle*.
 Covenants by defendant with plaintiff, amongst other
 things, that the 269*l.* then was and remained due and
 owing and unsatisfied and payable upon and by virtue
 of the therein-before recited securities(a). Breach,
 that defendant had not since the date of the indenture
 of assignment, or at any other time, advanced for the
 purposes therein recited the sum of 269*l.*, or any part

(a) See also the statement of this indenture in the judgment, pp.
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thereof; nor was the same, or any part thereof, at the time of making the covenant, owing to defendant upon those securities; nor was defendant then or ever since interested in the said bond, warrant of attorney or judgment to that amount, or any part thereof; nor did the said amount, or any, remain, at the time of the covenant, due or owing, or unsatisfied or payable by virtue of the said bond &c.

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Plea 2 is omitted; see *infra*. There was a special demurrer to this plea, and joinder in demurrer.

Plea 4. That the said sum of 269*l.*, advanced as in the deed recited, had not been paid or satisfied to defendant, or discharged by any matter subsequent to the date of the indenture: conclusion to the country. Special demurrer, assigning as cause that the plea did not answer the breach. Joinder.

The demurrers were now argued (*a*).

G. T. White, for the plaintiff. The pleas are both bad. (*Bovill*, for the defendant, admitted that the second plea was bad, but said he should contend that there was an estoppel apparent on the face of the declaration, precluding the plaintiff from setting up any thing inconsistent with the truth of the recital in the indenture declared upon, and that consequently the fourth plea answered all that part of the breach on which the plaintiff could rely.) If the recital in the indenture were the plaintiff's recital, it might be argued that it estopped him: but it is the language of the defendant. Such a recital amounts to a covenant by defendant to plaintiff that the money had been advanced, not to an agreement between plaintiff and defendant that it should be considered as advanced: consequently

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it is no estoppel on the plaintiff; *Edwards v. Brown*(~~=====~~)
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Bovill, contra. *Edwards v. Brown*(a) was the case of ~~=====~~ bond; and the obligee could not be estopped by the ~~=====~~ recital in the obligor's deed. There is a great distinction in this respect between a deed poll and a deed indented. "The deed indented is the deed of both parties, ~~=====~~ and therefore as well the taker as the giver is concluded ~~=====~~." *Co. Litt.* 363. b. The parties to this indenture must ~~=====~~ be taken to have satisfied themselves at the time that ~~=====~~ the money had been advanced for these purposes, and ~~=====~~ made their bargain on the mutual understanding that ~~=====~~ such was the fact. The recital is put into the indenture in order that the defendant may not be called upon ~~=====~~ at any future time to prove, not only that the money ~~=====~~ was advanced, but that it was advanced for these ~~=====~~ special purposes. Such a recital estops both parties. ~~=====~~ In *Young v. Raincock*(b) the Court, in their judgment, ~~=====~~ say: "It seems clear, that, where it can be collected from ~~=====~~ the deed, that the parties to it have agreed upon ~~=====~~ a certain admitted state of facts as the basis on which ~~=====~~ they contract, the statement of those facts, though ~~=====~~ but in the way of recital, shall estop the parties to aver ~~=====~~ the contrary." [*Erle J.* I have no doubt that a recital ~~=====~~ by one party of a state of facts on the faith of which ~~=====~~ the other party was induced to enter into the contract is ~~=====~~ an estoppel in favour of the party who entered into the contract on the faith of them. But such a recital does not estop in favour of third persons who did not contract on the faith of it; *Carpenter v. Buller*(c). I think there is a distinction kept in mind, throughout the

(a) 3 Y. & J. (*Exchequer*) 423.

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judgment on this point in *Young v. Raincock* (a), between recitals on the faith of which the other party contracts and other recitals. Is there any case in which a recital by one party of a fact within his own knowledge, on the faith of which the other party contracted, has been held to estop the *latter* in favour of the *former*?] The present case does not require so much. But, if such an authority be required, *Bowman v. Taylor* (b) seems to go the full length. There, by an indenture containing a recital that *Bowman* had made an invention and obtained letters patent therefore, and had enrolled a specification, *Taylor* agreed with *Bowman* to pay him for the use of such patent right; and it was held that this recital of *Bowman's* right estopped *Taylor* from saying that *Bowman* was not the inventor, or that there had not been a specification enrolled. The recital, that a specification had been enrolled, was as much *Bowman's* recital as the recital that the money had been advanced in the present indenture is the defendant's. [*Erle J. Bowman v. Taylor* (b) may be supported on a different principle, though I do not say that the judgment in that case proceeded upon it. When I was in the Common Pleas, there was a case before us on an assignment of a patent-right, where we had to consider the question, though it was not necessary to decide any thing on it. We were all, I think, much inclined to say that, whilst the assignee enjoyed, or might, if he pleased, enjoy, de facto, the thing for which he had bargained, there was an estoppel analogous to that of a tenant of land; but that, if the patent were avoided, so that the assignee was in a condition analogous to that of a tenant after eviction, the estoppel would cease not-

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withstanding the recitals in the indenture.] *Beckett v. Bradley* (a) seems an authority for saying that a recital of the plaintiff's title in an indenture estops the defendant. [*Erle J.* That also was a case analogous to a demise; and the defendant had the thing bargained for. A recital in an indenture may be the language of both parties, so as to estop both: but the recital in the present instance seems the language of the defendant only, unless you can shew it to be law, that a recital in a deed indented must be taken to be the language of both parties.] *Young v. Raincock* (b) seems a case in which the recital was the language of one party only, if that be the principle: yet the Court of Common Pleas apparently thought there would have been an estoppel if the defendant had relied upon it. [*Patteson J.* That cause was tried before me. I thought that the recital was the defendant's language, and that, even if it had been pleaded, there was no estoppel as against the plaintiff; but, as there was a distinct issue upon it, the question was open for the jury, even supposing that, if pleaded, it would have been an estoppel. As the recital was the language of the defendant, I thought it was not of great weight as evidence against the plaintiff; and so I told the jury, who found for the plaintiff. The Court of Common Pleas considered this right.]

White was heard in reply.

Cur. adv. vult.

PATTESON J., on a later day in the vacation (February 26th), delivered judgment.

It was argued for the defendant that either the 4th

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plea would be good, or the declaration bad, if the plaintiff was estopped in the manner alleged: and it was admitted that, if there was no such estoppel, the 2nd and 4th pleas would be bad.

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When a recital is intended to be a statement which all the parties to the deed have mutually agreed to admit as true, it is an estoppel upon all. But, when it is intended to be the statement of one party only, the estoppel is confined to that party, and the intention is to be gathered from construing the instrument. All the cases were brought forward and considered in *Young v. Raincock* (a); and we have no doubt that the result of them is as above stated.

The deed declared on, dated *June* 1848, is stated to recite several instruments, viz.: a bond given *July* 31st, 1846, by *Ogle* to *Batley*, to secure advances made and to be made by *Batley* on *Ogle's* account for the purpose of improving his estates, and a warrant of attorney dated *August* 1st, 1846, for the same purpose, on which judgment was entered on the 4th *August* 1846: and an agreement of the date of the 1st *August* 1846, between *Ogle*, *Batley* and the defendant, for advances contemplated to be made by the defendant to *Batley* for the same purpose, and to be applied by *Batley* as an advance under the said bond, and for not doing anything in respect to the estate without the defendant's consent: and a deed of assignment of the same date by *Batley* to the defendant of the bond and warrant of attorney, in which deed *Batley* covenanted to repay to the defendant the advances that he might make: also the facts, that the defendant, after the above mentioned assignment, ad-

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vanced 269*l.* for the same purpose (this being the ~~re-~~
cital in question), and that this sum was still owing
upon the said security: and that the defendant was ~~in-~~
terested in the said bond, warrant of attorney and
judgment to that amount: that the plaintiff, on 20
November 1846, advanced to *Ogle* 200*l.*; and that
on the treaty for this advance, the defendant agreed
assign his interest as aforesaid in the bond, warrant
of attorney and judgment to the plaintiff to secure
the advance: and that, by memorandum dated 20th *Novem-*
ber 1846, he had agreed to execute an assignment when
called on. The deed is then stated to witness that the
defendant did thereby assign to the plaintiff the bond,
warrant of attorney and judgment, and the full benefit
of them, and of the assignment of them to the defend-
ant, and did covenant that the defendant had neither
done nor omitted any act by which the said securities
or any estate or interest therein should or might be in
any manner affected, otherwise than as appeared by the
instrument in question, and that 269*l.* remained due
upon the securities to the defendant.

In an action for a breach of this covenant, alleging
that the defendant had not made any advance, and that
no part of the 269*l.* was due to the defendant at the
time of the making of the indenture on which the action
is brought, nor was defendant interested in the bond,
warrant of attorney and judgment, the defendant raises
the question, whether the plaintiff is estopped from
denying that the defendant had made any advances.
This we decide in the negative; for, as this fact was
material for the validity to the plaintiff of the securities
on which he advanced his money, and as he took the
covenant of the defendant to secure to him the truth
of this fact, we think the true construction to be

that the recital in question was intended to be the statement of the covenantor only. Our judgment is therefore for the plaintiff.

Judgment for plaintiff(a).

(a) Reported by C. Blackburn, Esq.

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The QUEEN against STACEY.

Thursday.
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PARRY, in last *Easter* term, obtained a rule nisi to quash the following order of Quarter Sessions, brought up by certiorari:

“*London.* At the General Quarter Session of the peace,” &c. “Whereas at this present session *Edward Lane*, of No. 6. *Aldersgate Street*, in the parish of *St. Botolph without Aldgate*, in the city of *London*, hath presented his petition and appeal, setting forth that by a certain certificate, dated the 27th day of *September* 1843, under the hand of *John Tidd Pratt*, Esquire, the Barrister at Law appointed to certify the rules of Friendly societies in *England, Wales* and *Berwick upon Tweed*(a), did certify that the *City of London Literary and Scientific Institution* was entitled to the benefit of an act passed” &c. (6 & 7 *Vict. c. 36.*, for exempting from rates land and buildings occupied by Literary and Scientific Societies); “by which said certificate the petitioner, as a parishioner and ratepayer of the said

On appeal against a certificate given under stat. 6 & 7 *Vict. c. 36.* to exempt a Literary Society from rates, the Sessions quashed the certificate by an order reciting that, “Whereas *A.*, of” &c., “in the parish of *B.*, presented his petition and appeal, setting forth that by a certain certificate” he, “as a parishioner and ratepayer of the said parish,” in which the society was situate, “conceived himself aggrieved.” The order was removed by certiorari, and a rule obtained

to quash it, on affidavits that the Sessions had decided erroneously on a preliminary objection.

Held, that it was not competent to raise such a question in this form.

Held, also, that it sufficiently appeared by the order that the appellant was assessed to rates from which the Society was exempted; and that the order was good on the face of it.

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parish of" &c., "in which parish the said Institution called" &c. "is situated, conceived himself aggrieved and humbly appealed against the said certificate of the said *J. T. Pratt*: Now, upon hearing the said petition and appeal of the said *E. Lane* against the said certificate, in the presence and hearing of all parties concerned, and having heard what could be alleged on either side by the said parties, their counsel and witnesses, in and concerning the premises, it is ordered that the said certificate of the said *J. T. P.* be annulled; and the same is hereby annulled accordingly: and that the said appeal be allowed; and the same is hereby allowed accordingly."

The rule was obtained on affidavit, shewing that the Sessions allowed the appeal on a preliminary technical objection, without entering on the merits.

Lush now shewed cause. If the Sessions came to a wrong decision, and erroneously refused to hear the merits, the remedy is by mandamus to hear and determine; not by a certiorari. (He was stopped by the Court.)

Parry, contra. The order of Sessions was quashed in *Rex v. Ridgway*(a). [*Patteson J.* There the Sessions quashed the conviction, subject to the opinion of this Court. Here you seek to impeach the decision of the Sessions on affidavits.] The order is bad on the face of it. The appeal is given by stat. 6 & 7 Vict. c. 36. s. 6. to any person "assessed to any rate from which any Society shall be exempted by this Act." It does not appear that the appellant *Lane* was

(a) 5 B. & Ald. 527.

as a person. The order recites that he appeals "as a parishioner and ratepayer:" but a recital of this is not enough. It should be found as a fact; *Day v. King* (a). In matters necessary to give jurisdiction ought to appear on an order; *Lindsay v. Leigh* (b).

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Lush was then called upon to answer this point. The rates from which Societies are exempt by stat. 6 & 7 Vict. c. 36. s. 1. are all rates. Then, if it appears that *Lane* is a ratepayer at all, he is a proper appellant. It is not the practice, in orders of sessions quashing or affirming orders of justices, to adjudicate on the status of the appellant. An order quashing an order of removal never commences by an adjudication that the appellants were churchwardens. It is sufficient that they are described as such, so that the respondent may, if he pleases, deny it.

PATTESON J. The order of Sessions states that the appellant, "as a parishioner and ratepayer of the parish" in which the Institution is situated, conceived himself aggrieved. That is the statement of his petition and appeal to the Sessions. Having his petition before them, they had jurisdiction to entertain the appeal, if he was assessed to any rate in the parish; and I think "ratepayer" is nearly equivalent to assessed to the rates. As all parties were before the Sessions on such a petition, if he was in fact not assessed the respondents might have shewn it. I think therefore the order good on the face of it. The objection that the Sessions erroneously decided on a preliminary objection is not properly brought before us.

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COLERIDGE J. Enough appears on the order shew that the Sessions had jurisdiction to make — and that is the only question we can now consider. The appeal is, by stat. 6 & 7 *Vict. c. 36. s. 6.*, giving — “any person or persons assessed to any rate from which any Society shall be exempted by this Act. If those were only specific rates, it might be necessary to shew that the appellant was assessed to those specific rates; but by sect. 1 the societies are exempted from all rates. It is therefore sufficient if the appellant was assessed to any rate in that parish. Now the order recites his petition to be that “as a parishioner and ratepayer” he was aggrieved. I think, giving a reasonable intendment to words, this describes him as person assessed to the rates in that parish.

WIGHTMAN J. The first point is not properly brought before us. On the other, it is said that on this order the appellant is not brought within the description in stat. 6 & 7 *Vict. c. 36. s. 6.* of those to whom an appeal is given, and that he might be a complete stranger. But he is described as “*Edward Lane of No. 6. Aldergate Street, in the parish of St. Botolph;*” and he stated to assert in his petition that “as a parishioner and ratepayer of the said parish” he is aggrieved; and I think, giving a reasonable construction to the order we must understand that he appeared and petitioned as a person assessed to the rates. It is said that it should be shewn on the order that he was a ratepayer and that it is not enough to shew he appeared as one. But I think that the same thing. Both parties appeared and, if the respondents had objected that the appellant

was not a ratepayer, there was enough on the petition to allow them to make that objection; and then it must have been adjudicated upon.

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Rule discharged (a).

(a) Reported by C. Blackburn, Esq.

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ON appeal to the *West Riding* Quarter Sessions, by the guardians of the poor of the *Wakefield* Union and the overseer of the poor of the township of *Wakefield*, against an order of two justices, the Sessions quashed the order, subject to the opinion of this Court on a special case.

The case set out the order appealed against. It was addressed to the treasurer of the guardians of the *Wakefield* Union and to the overseers of the poor of the township of *East Ardsley*, and to the overseers of the poor of the township of *Wakefield*, all in the *West Riding of Yorkshire*. It recited that, on 1st May 1848, notice was given to *Thomas Hague*, Esq., a justice in and for the *West Riding*, by *John Allen*, relieving officer of the *Wakefield* Poor Law Union, within which Union the said township of *East Ardsley* is, that *Charles Nalson*, a person then chargeable to the said township

A pauper lunatic was sent by a justice from the township of *A.* in the Union of *W.* to the county Asylum; and the justice made an order upon the treasurer of the guardians of the Union for payment of the expenses. Subsequently, two justices adjudicated that the settlement of the lunatic was not in *A.*, but in township *W.*, also in the same union of *W.*; and the two justices, by an order reciting the above facts, ordered the Treasurer of

the Union, on behalf of such parties as the law required, to pay to himself, out of any moneys that might be in his hands, the expenses already incurred on behalf of *A.*: and likewise to pay the future expenses.

Held: That the order was good in substance, as an order was required, under the circumstances, to justify the treasurer in paying as on behalf of *W.* And that the form, requiring him to pay to himself, as above, was correct.

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of *East Ardsley*, was then deemed to be insane; whereupon the said justice by order required the relieving officer of the said Union to bring the said *Charles Nalson* before him or some other justice of the peace of the said *West Riding*: and that *Charles Nalson* was brought in pursuance of the said order before the said justice; and the justice, having called to his assistance *E. W.*, a surgeon, and being satisfied upon view and personal examination of the said *Charles Nalson*, and on other proof, that the said *C. N.* was a person of unsound mind, and the said *E. W.*, not being the medical officer of the said Union, having signed a certificate according to the form in the Schedule (E) No. 1. annexed to stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 126.*, that the said *C. N.* then was a person of unsound mind, by an order under his hand, according to the form in the same schedule, and bearing date 1st *May* 1848, directed the said *C. N.* to be received into the proper lunatic asylum of the said *West Riding*, within which *Riding* the said township of *East Ardsley* is situated. Further recital, that the said *C. N.* was, in pursuance of the said last mentioned order, sent and taken from the said township of *East Ardsley* to and confined in the said asylum, and thence continually had been kept therein at the charge of the said township of *East Ardsley*. Further recital, that the said *C. N.* was for the purpose of his settlement to be deemed to be residing in the township of *East Ardsley*; and that *T. H.*, the justice by whom the said *C. N.* was sent after the making of the said last mentioned order, made an order, bearing date 3d *May* 1848, upon the Treasurer of the guardians of the *Wakefield* Union, within which the said township of *East Ardsley*, from

which the said *C. N.* was sent to the said asylum, is to be paid, for payment to the Treasurer for the time being to the said asylum of the sum of 2s., by the said Justice hereby adjudged to be reasonable charges of the lodging &c. of the said *C. N.* in such asylum from the time of his first being placed there to the making of the said order for payment, and also for payment to the Treasurer at the time, from time to time being, of the said asylum the weekly sum of 7s. 6d. for the then future lodging, &c. of the said *C. N.* in the said asylum, so long as he should continue there pursuant to the said order on that behalf, or until it should be otherwise ordered on that behalf, according to law.

The order then proceeded: "And whereas, by an order made and bearing date 22d *May* 1848, under the hands and seals of us, *Joseph Holdsworth* and *Edward W. W.*, Esquires, two of Her Majesty's justices of the peace" &c., "on the complaint in that behalf of the overseers of the poor of the township of *East Ardsley*," &c. the said last mentioned justices did ascertain and adjudge" &c.: reciting adjudication that the settlement of *C. N.* was at the time of the making of the first mentioned order, and still, in the township of *Wakefield*: "And whereas the said township of *Wakefield* is included in the *Wakefield* Union; and whereas the expenses incurred by and on behalf of the said township of *East Ardsley* in and about the examination of the said *C. N.*, and his conveyance" &c.; "amount to the sum of 1l. 11s. 8d.; and whereas the sum of 6d. a week is and during all the time aforesaid hath been a reasonable charge for the past and future lodging, maintenance," &c. "of the said *C. N.* in the said asylum: and whereas the moneys paid pursuant

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to the last mentioned order in this behalf by the Treasurer to the said Union on behalf of the overseers of the poor of the said township of *East Ardsley* to the said Treasurer of the said asylum for the lodging, maintenance," &c. "of the said *C. N.* in the said asylum, and incurred within twelve calendar months next previously to the date hereof, amount to the sum of 1*l.* 3*s.* 7*d.*, including the said sum of 2*s.* : and whereas" &c. : the order then recited complaint by the overseers of *East Ardsley* to the said justices, and that the overseers of *Wakefield* appeared before the justices, and, having heard the complaint, failed to give any proof to the contrary : and it proceeded : "Now we, the said last mentioned justices," "do hereby adjudge that all and singular the said premises are true ; and do thereupon hereby order that you the said Treasurer do and shall on behalf of such parties and in such manner as the law requires, pay to yourself, so being the Treasurer of the guardians of the poor of *Wakefield* poor Law Union in the said West Riding, out of any money which may be in or come into your hands by virtue of your office, the sum of 1*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*, being the expenses incurred by and on behalf of the said *Wakefield* Union about the examination of the said *C. N.* and his conveyance to the asylum as aforesaid, and also the sum of 1*l.* 3*s.* 7*d.*, being the moneys paid as aforesaid by you the Treasurer of the said *Wakefield* Union for the lodging, maintenance," &c. "of the said *C. N.* incurred as aforesaid within twelve calendar months next previously to the date hereof, as aforesaid, on behalf of the said township of *East Ardsley*. And we" &c., "to the intent that we may provide for the future reasonable charges for the lodging, maintenance," &c. "of

said C. N., do hereby order and direct you the said Treasurer of the *Wakefield* Union, out of any money which may be in or come into your hands by virtue of your office, to pay to the Treasurer for the time, from time to time being, of the said asylum weekly and every week from the date hereof so long as the said C. N. shall continue in the said asylum by virtue of the said order in that behalf, the sum of 7s. 6d. for the lodging, maintenance," &c. "of the said C. N. during such his continuance in the said asylum, or until it shall be otherwise ordered in this behalf according to law. And your paying the said sum of money and charges herein directed to be paid, this shall be your warrant. Given under the Great Seal of Great Britain, the 22d May, 1848.

1. The appellant objected at the trial that the order sealed against was bad on the face of it, so far as it related to the said sum of 1l. 11s. 8d., inasmuch as it appeared on the face of the said order that the town of *East Ardsley*, from which the said Charles was sent to the lunatic asylum, and the town of *Wakefield* wherein his settlement was adjudged to be, were at the time of the making of the said order both in the same poor law Union, and there was a manifest absurdity in the said order requiring the Treasurer of the Union to pay to himself. The Sessions allowed this objection, subject to the opinion of the Court of Queen's Bench in that behalf.

2. The appellants also objected that the order was bad on the face of it, so far as it related to the weekly sum of 7s. 6d. for the future maintenance &c., inasmuch as it appeared from the said order that there was still existing, at the time of the making thereof, a former

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order dated 3d May, 1848, on the Treasurer of
said Union for the payment of the same weekly sum of
7s. 6d. for the future maintenance &c. of the said ~~Chas~~
Nelson. The Sessions allowed this objection, subject
as before.

3. The appellants also objected that the order ap-
pealed against was bad, inasmuch as it appeared upon
the face thereof that the said order of 3d May 1848
therein recited was made upon the Treasurer of the
guardians of the Wakefield Union instead of the over-
seers of the poor of the said township of Wakefield, &c.
order appealed against shewing that there were over-
seers of the poor of the said township of Wakefield.
The Sessions allowed this objection, subject as before.

4. The respondents objected that it was not open
to the appellants to raise the said last mentioned objecti-
on in the said appeal. The Sessions overruled this objec-
tion, subject as before.

1. If the Court of Queen's Bench should be of opinion
that the objection first above mentioned was invalid, and
that the objection thirdly above mentioned was also in-
valid, or that such last mentioned objection was not open
to the appellants, then the said order appealed against was
to be confirmed, so far as it related to the said sum of
17. 11s. 8d.; and the order of Sessions, so far as it quashed
such last mentioned part of the said order, was to be
quashed.

2. If the Court of Queen's Bench should be of opinion
that the objection secondly above mentioned was in-
valid, and the objection thirdly above mentioned was
valid, then the said order appealed against was to be
confirmed, so far as it related to the said sum of
17. 11s. 8d.; and the order of Sessions, so far as it quashed
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weekly sum of 7s. 6d. for the future maintenance &c.; and the order of Sessions, so far as it quashed such last mentioned part of the said order appealed against, was to be quashed.

3. If the Court of Queen's Bench should be of opinion that the objection thirdly above mentioned was a valid objection, and was open to the said appellants, then the order appealed against was to stand quashed; and the order of Sessions to be confirmed.

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Pashley and *Pickering*, in support of the order of Sessions. The order of the two justices was made without jurisdiction. It is clear that no order can be valid, unless authorised by statute. The justices in the present case supposed themselves to be acting under stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 126. s. 62. That section, however, is confined to cases in which the parishes or townships are situated in different unions. [*Coleridge J.* Who were to adjudge whether the pauper was settled in the township from which he was sent, or another within the same union? Some one must have power to do that.] It is not meant to dispute that the justices had a right to decide on the settlement; but when they had done that their powers were over. The guardians were then to regulate their accounts for themselves, as in *Regina v. Winsford (a)*. Or, if an order was to be made, it should have been on the overseers of the township. [*Erle J.* Can that be done when the township is in a union? I believe it has once been held that an order made, ex majori cautelâ, on the Treasurer of the guardians, and also on the overseers of the parish,

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was not void; but I do not think it has ever been held that the justices have an option to make the order on the overseers alone.] *Regina v. Tyrwhitt* (a) is understood as a decision that the justices have such an option. At all events they cannot, under stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 126. s. 62., make such an order as this. By sect. 68, the order is to be enforced by an action at law. That shows that the legislature never contemplated an order on the treasurer to pay himself, which is an absurdity on the face of it.

Hall, contra, was not required to argue.

PATTESON J. It is not necessary to consider whether the justices had an option to make the order for the lunatic's maintenance on the overseers of the township from which he was sent; for, however that may be, the order which was made on the Treasurer of the guardians of the union was good. The order made by the justices who sent the lunatic to the asylum, in effect, commanded the Treasurer to pay the costs of the lunatic's maintenance and to debit the township of *East Ardsley* with the payments; and he was bound to continue to do so till otherwise directed by a competent authority. In this state of things, the order appealed against was made by the two justices who adjudged that the lunatic was settled in the township of *Wakefield*. It directs the Treasurer to exonerate *East Ardsley* and charge *Wakefield*, and to do so by paying to himself the money that means, by debiting the township in his account. Something was required to authorise the Treasurer

(a) 12 Q. B. 292.

O this: and I think, if this order was not necessary, it ~~was~~ at all events reasonable and justifiable. Queen's Bench.
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But Mr. *Pashley* argues that, whether it was justifiable or not, it was not authorised by the statute; and he relies on the provision which makes an action at law one remedy for enforcing an order, as proving that the order cannot be made where the same person is both to pay and receive the money. It is very true that a man cannot be both plaintiff and defendant in an action at law; and therefore, if the order is to relieve the one parish at the cost of another within the same union, it cannot be enforced by action. But there are other remedies by which, if the Treasurer refuses to credit the one parish and debit the other, he can be compelled to do so. The mischief is the same, whether the parishes be within the same union or not; and I see no reason why we should not construe the statute in the same way in either case. This order effects the object of the statute, which I think could not be effected without such an order. I am therefore of opinion that the Sessions were wrong in quashing it.

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COLERIDGE J. It is utterly impossible to construe a statute worded as stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 126.* is, so as to give a meaning to every word. If we attempted to do so we should make the act insensible. We are to construe sect. 62, not literally, but so as to give it a reasonable meaning. It so happens that in the present case the township in which it is adjudged that the lunatic is settled and that from which he was sent are within the same union, and consequently the Treasurer upon whom the order for payment is to be made is one and the same person with the Treasurer to whom the

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payment is to be made, and holds one and the ~~same~~ office; and it is argued that an order on him to ~~pay~~ himself is an absurdity. But the office is one ~~that~~ represents several distinct members of the Union, namely, the different townships of which it is composed. I see nothing absurd in ordering an officer in his character of representative of *A.* to debit *A.* with a sum of money, and in his character of representative of *B.* to credit *B.* with the same sum: and that is what the order means. It is true that the remedy by action does not apply to such an order; but there are other remedies. I think it no argument against the application of the statute, that all the remedies are not applicable. The case is within the statute, though shorn of that particular remedy.

ERLE J. When it was adjudged that the lunatic belonged to *Wakefield* and not to *East Ardsley*, it is clear that *East Ardsley* had a right to be indemnified for past payments, and exonerated from future payments in respect of the lunatic; and it is clear that that was to be at the cost of *Wakefield*. The law gives no way to relieve *East Ardsley* and fix *Wakefield* that I know of, except by an order such as this. The order, therefore, was required. I think also that it is correct in point of form. It directs the Treasurer to pay himself; and that is said to be an absurdity: but it directs him to pay himself "on behalf of such parties and in such manner as the law requires." If, instead of keeping accounts, the money were kept in specie in separate drawers, he could literally comply with this direction by taking so much money out of the drawer of *Wakefield* and putting it into that of *East Ardsley*. Ac-

counts are not in modern times kept in this rude way ; but the treasurer does in effect precisely the same thing by debiting the one party and crediting the other in his books. The order must be construed as directing the treasurer to make such a debit and credit, and is right.

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Order of Sessions quashed (a).

(a) Reported by C. Blackburn, Esq.

The QUEEN against WHITMARSH.

Saturday,
February 16th.

MANDAMUS to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

“ Victoria ” &c. “ To Francis Whitmarsh, Esquire,”

“ Whereas, on the part of John Hooper and John Wilson, We have been given to understand, in Our Court before Us, that they are the promoters of a certain intended Joint Stock Company, for the purpose of the mutual assurance of shipping and cargoes against the perils of the sea, of General Marine Assurance, of the advancing money by way of loan on shipping, and of commission business in all branches connected therewith, of the usual business of a Ship, Loan, Annuity and Endowment Society of Mutual Insurance against loss or damage to property by fire, and the business of a Guarantee Association for securing the fidelity of persons in situations of trust ; and which said Company is a company within the provisions of an Act passed ” &c. (7 & 8 Vict. c. 110., “ for the registration, incor-

A Joint Stock Company provisionally registered under stat. 7 & 8 Vict. c. 110. cannot assume a title denominating it a corporation.

The Court, therefore, refused to compel the Registrar by mandamus to register a proposed change of the name of such Company from *The Sea, Fire, &c. Assurance Company*, to *The Sea, Fire, &c. Assurance Corporation*.

The objection on the part of the Registrar may be taken on demurrer to the return.

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poration, and regulation of Joint Stock Companies ”):
“ And that they, as such promoters, have duly made
returns, in the manner directed by the said Act, to the
office provided for the registration of Joint Stock
Companies, of the proposed name of the said intended
Company, the business and purpose thereof, and the
names of themselves as its promoters, together with their
respective occupations and places of business and places
of residence: And that they did in such returns state
the name of the said intended Company to be *The Sea,
Fire, Life Assurance Company*: And that, on the 28th
day of *February* last, they received from you, the said
Francis Whitmarsh, in pursuance of the said act, a
certificate of the provisional registration of the said
intended Company under the said name. And whereas,
on the part of the said *J. H.* and *J. W.*, We have been
given further to understand ” &c. “ that they, as such
promoters as aforesaid, being afterwards desirous
change the name of the said intended Company from
The Sea, Fire, Life Assurance Company, to *The Sea,
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of *April* last, duly make, in pursuance and according
to the provisions of the said Act, a return of change
the name of the said intended Company so provisionally
registered as aforesaid, from *The Sea, Fire, Life
Assurance Company* to *The Sea, Fire, Life Assurance
Corporation*, and that they did then cause the said return
to be taken to the said Registry office: And that you,
the said *Francis Whitmarsh*, were then, on ” &c. (27th
April), “ duly required on the part and behalf of the
said *J. H.* and *J. W.* to receive and to register the said
return according to the directions of the said Act. Yet
that you, the said *F. W.*, not regarding your duty ” &c.:

ne mandamus then suggested that *Whitmarsh* neglected and refused to register the said return, to the damage of *Hooper* and *Wilson*, &c. And the writ therefore commanded: That “you do without delay receive the said return of the change in the name of *The Sea, Fire, Life Assurance Company*, so provisionally registered as aforesaid, and that you do register the change in the name thereof from *The Sea, Fire, Life Assurance Company* to *The Sea, Fire, Life Assurance Corporation*, according to the directions of the said Act, or that you shew cause,” &c.

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Return. “I,” &c. “certify and return” &c.: “That, and by the said Act” &c. (7 & 8 Vict. c. 110.), “it amongst other things, enacted (a): That the said Act shall apply to every Joint Stock Company as therein defined, established in any part of the United Kingdom” &c. “except” &c., “for any commercial purpose, or for any purpose of profit, or for the purpose of assurance or insurance (except banking companies, schools, and scientific and literary institutions, and so friendly societies, loan societies, and benefit building societies, respectively duly certified and enrolled” &c., “other than such friendly societies as grant assurances on lives” &c.): “And it is also in and by the said Act further enacted (b): That, before proceeding to make public, whether by way of prospectus,” &c., “any intention or proposal to form any company for any purpose within the meaning of that Act, whether for executing any such work as therein aforesaid under the authority of parliament, or for any other purpose, it shall be the duty of the promoters of such Company,

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and they or some of them are hereby required, to ~~make~~ to the office thereby provided for the registration of Joint Stock Companies (and thereafter called ~~the~~ Registry Office) returns of the thereafter following particulars according to the schedule (C) thereunto annexed; that is to say (amongst other things): 1. The proposed name of the intended Company;" "2. The business or purpose of the Company;" "3. The names of its promoters, together with their respective occupations, places of business (if any), and places of residence:" and also, "afterwards, from time to time, until the complete registration of such company, a return a copy of every addition to or change made in any the above particulars" (a). And it is also in and by the said Act further enacted (b): That, on the completion of the registration of any company being certified by the Registrar," "such Company and the then shareholders therein, and all the succeeding shareholders, who are shareholders, shall be and are thereby incorporated as

(a) Sect. 15 (not set out on the return) enacts: "That when the particulars and documents severally by this Act required to be returned to the said Registry Office shall have been so returned, it shall be the duty of the said Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and he is hereby required to cause to be written on every such document and return of particulars brought to him for registration the day of the receipt thereof," &c. (to number the document, and to acknowledge the receipt): "and that if such returns or documents be conformable to the provisions of this Act, or of any regulations in that behalf, then it shall be the duty of the Registrar and he is hereby required forthwith to register the same, and, on demand, to grant to such Company a certificate of provisional or complete registration, as the case may require, signed by him, and sealed with the seal of his office; which certificate must set forth whether the Company has been constituted provisionally or completely; and that, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, any such certificate, or a copy of any such return as aforesaid, shall be received in evidence, without proof of the signature thereto, or of the seal of office affixed thereto."

(b) Sect. 25.

in the date of such certificate by the name of the company as set forth in the deed of settlement, and the purpose of carrying on the trade or business for which the Company was formed, but only according to provisions of the said Act, and of such deed as aforesaid, and for the purpose of suing and being sued, of taking and enjoying the property and effects of said Company; and that such Company shall continue so incorporated until it shall be dissolved, and all affairs wound up; but so as not in anywise to restrict

liability of any of the shareholders of the Company under any judgment, decree, or order for the payment of money which shall be obtained against such Company, or any of the members thereof, in any action or suit prosecuted by or against such Company in any court of law or equity; but that every such shareholder shall, in respect of such moneys, subject as hereinafter mentioned, be and continue liable as he would have been if the said Company had not been incorporated; and that thereupon it shall be lawful for

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"And I," &c., "further humbly certify" &c., "that nothing in the said Act of parliament, or in any Act of parliament relating to Joint Stock Companies, contained authorises or empowers any Joint Stock Company, before the complete registration thereof pursuant to the said Act of parliament, to enjoy, use or exercise any of

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(a) 8 Com. B. 406.

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poration: and the decision was only that the Registrar might look at the face of the deed to see if the conditions of the Act had been complied with. [Patteson] There a complete registration had been granted. Could it be said here that the "return or document" "conformable to the provisions of" the act, according to sect. 15, when it presents a name which, at the time cannot be a true one? Erle J. Do you say that, if the Registrar was of opinion that the title held out a falsehood for the purpose of deception, he could not refuse to register? Suppose the title indicated an association for the purpose of committing a crime, as poisoning. The officer ought to register, but give notice to the authorities empowered to prevent criminal offences. [Erle J. Would such a society have a right to demand the interference of this Court? Coleridge J. Could they claim a mandamus to register?] They could, if the change of name were a lawful one. [Coleridge J. Suppose the new name were that of an already existing corporation.] If there were fraud, or injury to other parties, there would be a remedy by action or indictment. But there is a guard against fraud in the words, in sect. 23, "registered provisionally." If the intended title were in itself contra bonos mores, a different question might arise from that now before the Court. [Erle J. It seems to follow from your argument that the name, whatever it were, must be registered.] The company, when completely registered, would be entitled to the name of a corporation: the proposed title, with the words "provisionally registered," means that they are a body to be hereafter incorporated, within the meaning of sect. 2. They give the name which they will subsequently be entitled to bear. [Pat-

son J. Either they state that which is deceptive, or **they** are already incorporated and do not require the Registrar's certificate.] They are incorporated provisionally. The defendant is arguing, in effect, not that **is** justified in refusing to perform the act required, **it** that the refusal cannot in point of law be a grievance. It is too late to contend so, when the Court has **anted** a mandamus.

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PATTESON J. The Company have been provisionally registered by the name of *The Sea, Fire, Life Assurance Company*. They now wish to change the word "Company" into "Corporation:" and they must mean by that something substantially different. But they are not really a corporation. If they were, they would want no certificate to incorporate them. The question raised by this mandamus is, whether the Registrar can, under any circumstances, refuse to register a company by the name presented to him. The validity of the return depends upon sects. 4 and 15. By sect 4, the promoters are to return at the Registry Office, among other things, the proposed name of the intended company; and, by sect. 15, if the return be conformable to the provisions of the act, the Registrar is to register the matters returned, and grant a certificate. The question therefore is, whether this return of name is conformable to the provisions: and I think it is in direct contravention of them. The company cannot become incorporated before complete registration; and they cannot change their name afterwards, according to *Regina v. Registrar of Joint Stock Companies* (a). The effect of this will be that such a Com-

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pany cannot take the word "Corporation" as part of their name: but there is no reason that they should. At any rate, the return is not conformable to the statute, because it cannot be true that, at the time of making it, the company is a corporation.

COLERIDGE J. The object of the statute is to invest these companies with the incidents of corporation, but to make them only quasi corporations. The Registrar returns that nothing in the statute authorizes a company to assume the name Corporation before it is completely registered: the return is true, up to that point: and it is a good answer, if using the name in question is assuming to be a corporation. I think it clearly is so, and that the words "registered provisionally" do not, as Mr. Power suggests, prevent its being such an assumption. The Registrar, therefore, is right in objecting that these parties cannot claim to be called that which the law forbids. As to the argument that this question cannot be discussed because a mandamus has issued: the point might perhaps have been raised with more advantage on the application for a rule (a): but we are not prevented from considering it on the mandamus and return.

ERLE J. The Company, by the name they propose to take, impliedly assert to all who hear of it that they are a corporation. It is suggested that the words "registered provisionally" are equivalent to a notice that they are not incorporated; but I think a great

(a) The rule was granted without discussion, at the same time with the rule in *Regina v. Whitmarsh*, 15 Q. B. 600 (May 7th, 1849), in which latter case the Court said that it would be best to hear the argument on the return.

portion of the community, hearing the word "Corporation," would not understand that the additional words gave it any other than the ordinary meaning. The Registrar, therefore, was right in his refusal. We have indeed granted a mandamus in this case; but the writ calls upon us to give force to an assertion which is untrue. If we give judgment for the prosecutors, we must grant a peremptory mandamus for that purpose: and I think we may refuse to take such a step, at any time we find that the prosecutor is proceeding for that which he has no right to enforce.

Judgment for defendant.

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ON appeal against an order of two justices in and for the town and county of the town of *Southampton*, dated *June 22d*, 1846, the Sessions quashed the order, subject to the opinion of this Court upon special case.

No appeal lies against an order of justices under stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 126. s. 58., determining the place of settlement of a lunatic pauper confined under the provisions of that Act.

It appeared by the case that the justices, by their said order, made under stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 126. s. 58. (and set out in the case), adjudged the last legal place of settlement of *William Henry Stay*, a lunatic pauper, to be in the parish of *Tarrant Hinton*, in the county of *Dorset*.

The questions for this Court were: Whether by law the appellants could appeal against the said adjudication: and, if they could, Whether the adjudica-

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Demurrer and Joinder.

Power, for the Crown. The Company may, under the statute, demand to have their name changed between provisional and complete registration: and the Registrar is bound to register the altered name, under sect. 15. Sect. 4 requires the promoters to return among other things, "the proposed name of the intended Company:" and afterwards, until complete registration, "every addition to or change made in any of the above particulars." By sect. 23, when provisional registration is certified, the promoters may act provisionally, and may "assume the name of the intended Company," but coupled with the words "registered provisionally." There is no objection, therefore, to the assuming of the new title, deception being pre-

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vented by the additional words. The title of Corporation is a proper one, and the most accurate which the Company can assume. The preamble of the Act shews that it is in contemplation to invest the companies after mentioned with "the qualities and incidents of corporations;" sect. 2 also recognises the incorporation of companies by the particular operation of this statute; and sect. 25 expressly provides that, on complete registration being certified, the company and the then shareholders shall be and are by this Act incorporated, and shall so continue, and may sue and be sued, &c. As Maule J. said in *Pilbrow v. Pilbrow's Atmospheric Railway Company* (a), "from the moment of obtaining such a certificate, the Company becomes to all intents and purposes incorporated." In *Regina v. Registrar of Joint Stock Companies* (b) the reason given by this Court against the change of name after complete registration was that the Company had then acquired the character of a corporation. [*Patteson J.* I do not see what this has to do with the change of name from "Company" to "Corporation." If they had changed it to "Society," there might have been no objection; but taking the name of "Corporation" is a fraud.] It is the name of the "intended" Company. [*Patteson J.* Why are they to be called a corporation when they are not one? and what can the object of the change be but fraud? You must argue that the Registrar is bound to register them by whatever name they chuse to assume.] In general he is. If there is fraud in fact, it may be specifically assigned as the objection. Otherwise, the "intended" name

(a) 5 Com. B. 440. 472.

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poration: and the decision was only that the Registrar might look at the face of the deed to see if the conditions of the Act had been complied with. [*Patteson J.* There a complete registration had been granted. Can it be said here that the "return or document" "conformable to the provisions of" the act, according to sect. 15, when it presents a name which, at the time, cannot be a true one? *Erle J.* Do you say that, if the Registrar was of opinion that the title held out a falsehood for the purpose of deception, he could not refuse to register? Suppose the title indicated an association for the purpose of committing a crime, as poisoning.] The officer ought to register, but give notice to the authorities empowered to prevent criminal offences. [*Erle J.* Would such a society have a right to demand the interference of this Court? *Coleridge J.* Could they claim a mandamus to register?] They could, if the change of name were a lawful one. [*Coleridge J.* Suppose the new name were that of an already existing corporation.] If there were fraud, or injury to other parties, there would be a remedy by action or indictment. But there is a guard against fraud in the words, in sect. 23, "registered provisionally." If the intended title were in itself contra bonos mores, a different question might arise from that now before the Court. [*Erle J.* It seems to follow from your argument that the name, whatever it were, must be registered.] The company, when completely registered, would be entitled to the name of a corporation: the proposed title, with the words "provisionally registered," means that they are a body to be hereafter incorporated, within the meaning of sect. 2. They give the name which they will subsequently be entitled to bear. [*Pat-*

J. Either they state that which is deceptive, or they are already incorporated and do not require the Registrar's certificate.] They are incorporated provisionally. The defendant is arguing, in effect, not that he is justified in refusing to perform the act required, but that the refusal cannot in point of law be a grievance. It is too late to contend so, when the Court has granted a mandamus.

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PATTESON J. The Company have been provisionally registered by the name of *The Sea, Fire, Life Insurance Company*. They now wish to change the word "Company" into "Corporation:" and they must mean by that something substantially different. But they are not really a corporation. If they were, they would want no certificate to incorporate them. The question raised by this mandamus is, whether the registrar can, under any circumstances, refuse to register a company by the name presented to him. The validity of the return depends upon sects. 4 and 5. By sect 4, the promoters are to return at the registry Office, among other things, the proposed name of the intended company; and, by sect. 15, if the return be conformable to the provisions of the act, the registrar is to register the matters returned, and grant a certificate. The question therefore is, whether this return of name is conformable to the provisions: and I think it is in direct contravention of them. The company cannot become incorporated before complete registration; and they cannot change their name afterwards, according to *Regina v. Registrar of Joint Stock Companies (a)*. The effect of this will be that such a Com-

(a) 10 Q. B. 839.

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pany cannot take the word "Corporation" as part of their name: but there is no reason that they should. At any rate, the return is not conformable to the statute, because it cannot be true that, at the time of making it, the company is a corporation.

COLERIDGE J. The object of the statute is to invest these companies with the incidents of corporations, but to make them only quasi corporations. The Registrar returns that nothing in the statute authorizes a company to assume the name Corporation before it is completely registered: the return is true, up to that point: and it is a good answer, if using the name in question is assuming to be a corporation. I think it clearly is so, and that the words "registered provisionally" do not, as Mr. Power suggests, prevent its being such an assumption. The Registrar, therefore, is right in objecting that these parties cannot claim to be called that which the law forbids. As to the argument that this question cannot be discussed because a mandamus has issued: the point might perhaps have been raised with more advantage on the application for a rule (a): but we are not prevented from considering it on the mandamus and return.

ERLE J. The Company, by the name they propose to take, impliedly assert to all who hear of it that they are a corporation. It is suggested that the words "registered provisionally" are equivalent to a notice that they are not incorporated; but I think a great

(a) The rule was granted without discussion, at the same time with the rule in *Regina v. Whitmarsh*, 15 Q. B. 600 (May 7th, 1849), in which latter case the Court said that it would be best to hear the argument on the return.

portion of the community, hearing the word "Corporation," would not understand that the additional words gave it any other than the ordinary meaning. The Registrar, therefore, was right in his refusal. We have indeed granted a mandamus in this case; but the writ calls upon us to give force to an assertion which is untrue. If we give judgment for the prosecutors, we must grant a peremptory mandamus for that purpose: and I think we may refuse to take such a step, if at any time we find that the prosecutor is proceeding for that which he has no right to enforce.

Judgment for defendant.

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The QUEEN against The Churchwardens and Overseers of ST. MARY, SOUTHAMPTON, and the Guardians of the Poor within the Town and County of the Town of SOUTHAMPTON.

Saturday,
February 16th.

ON appeal against an order of two justices in and for the town and county of the town of *Southampton*, dated *June 22d*, 1846, the Sessions quashed the order, subject to the opinion of this Court upon a special case.

No appeal lies against an order of justices under stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 126. s. 58., determining the place of settlement of a lunatic pauper confined under the provisions of that Act.

It appeared by the case that the justices, by their said order, made under stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 126. s. 58. (and set out in the case), adjudged the last legal place of settlement of *William Henry Stay*, a lunatic pauper, to be in the parish of *Tarrant Hinton*, in the county of *Dorset*.

The questions for this Court were: Whether by law the appellants could appeal against the said adjudication: and, if they could, Whether the adjudica-

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tion was, under the circumstances stated, good and valid. There were several objections on which the second question arose: among others, that no copy of the examinations or other evidence on which the order appealed against was made had been sent to the parish officers of *Tarrant Hinton*. But this objection was given up on the argument (a); nor was any insisted upon, except that the appeal did not lie.

Phinn (who was to have argued against the order of Sessions) mentioned *Regina v. Tyrwhitt* (b) and *Regina v. St. Pancras* (c).

C. Saunders and *Massey*, in support of the order of Sessions. Stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 126. s. 57. enacts that the lunatic, when confined under this act, shall, for the purposes of the act, be deemed "to belong to and continue chargeable to" the parish from which he shall have been sent, "until such parish shall in due course of law, in the case of any other pauper, have established that such lunatic is settled in some other parish," &c. That, by clear implication, gives an appeal against the adjudication of settlement. The "due course of law" is the course usually pursued in the case of an order of removal. That is, that, if the adjudication be not acquiesced in, the settlement shall have been investigated and affirmed on appeal against the adjudication, or on appeal against the order of maintenance. Sect. 58, which empowers the justices to pronounce upon the settlement, is followed by sections 61, 62, which enable justices to make orders of

(a) Reference was made to *Regina v. Justices of Middlesex*, 5 D. & L. 9.; see *Regina v. Justices of Glamorganshire*, 13 Q. B. 561.

(b) 12 Q. B. 292.

(c) 12 Q. B. 298.

maintenance and reimbursement upon the parish from which the lunatic was removed, or, if his settlement shall have been discovered to be in a different parish, then on such last mentioned parish. And sect. 62 provides that the parish "affected by such order, may appeal against the same in like manner as if the same were a warrant of removal;" and the appellants and respondents "shall have all the same powers, rights, and privileges, and be subject to the same obligations, in all respects as in the case of an appeal against a warrant of removal." That clause is the last of a series; it was not necessary that provision should have been expressly made for appealing at an earlier stage of the procedure: it follows, from the terms in which the appeal is ultimately given, that parties aggrieved by orders may appeal either when an adjudication of settlement is made under sect. 58, or when an order for payment is made under sects. 57 and 62: as, in the case of an ordinary pauper, the appeal may be against either the order of removal or the removal itself; *Regina v. Justices, &c. of Yorkshire* (a), *Regina v. The Recorder of Leeds* (b). If the appeal could not in any case be lodged before the appellants were affected by some proceeding founded on the adjudication, great inconvenience might arise: witnesses might be dead and documents lost. The lunatic might recover before any act was done which could be the subject of an appeal; and then the parish charged with the settlement would be concluded for ever by an order unappealed against.

Phinn was not further heard.

(a) 2 Dowl. & L. 488.

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the settlement is not otherwise "established course of law. But the next section, which gives the justices power to adjudicate on the settlement, provides that, if there be satisfactory evidence, they "order under their hands and seals, to adjudge and settle the same accordingly:" and it adds nothing about an appeal. Sects. 59, 60, 61, have no bearing on the question. Sect. 62 proceeds upon the supposition that the pauper is adjudged to be settled in a parish other than that from which he was sent to the asylum; in which case he is not to be removed to the parish of settlement, but deemed to belong to it as if he had been there; and the justices are authorized to make an order upon that parish for the payment of past and future expenses: and here it is provided that the parish "affected by such order, may appeal from the same in like manner as if the same were an order of removal." It would be strange if an appeal were expressly given in this case, as against an order of removal, and an appeal not given in terms in the case contemplated, in the case of an adjudication on the settlement. And, further, it has been decided that an adjudication may be contested on appeal against an order of maintenance (a). The legislature has

(a) See *Ex parte Widdall*, 10 Q. B. 404, 405, 406.

out the whole mode of procedure; and it appears conclusively that no appeal is given against the mere adjudication of settlement. The alleged inconvenience has been exaggerated: but, if there were an inconvenience, it stands upon plain principles that this, of itself, could be no warrant for an appeal; and it must be supposed that the parish where the settlement is adjudged to be will in the course of ulterior proceedings take measures to get rid of the burden if the pauper is not really settled with them. It is suggested by Mr. *Massey* that, if the lunatic becomes sane and is discharged, there will be no opportunity of appeal against the adjudication of settlement: but there must, even in that case, be an order for expenses of the enquiry, and of conveyance to the place of confinement; and on service of that order there will be an opportunity to appeal. There may have been good reasons why, in this statute, under which the adjudication of settlement has not the same consequences as under the ordinary poor law, the legislature may have been silent as to appeal on the mere question of settlement, and may not have thought proper to assimilate the proceedings in all respects to those under the general poor law.

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ERLE J. An appeal does not lie unless by the express words of a statute or by necessary implication from the words. In this instance I find neither. There is no analogy between this case and that of a common order of removal. Under an order adjudicating the settlement of a lunatic I cannot imagine any grievance to arise unless an order for maintenance and expenses be founded upon it. The orders, together, then become equivalent in force to an order

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of removal. Under a common order of removal the pauper may be removed as soon as the order is made by the adjudication of settlement no person is warranted in taking the lunatic under his controul; that authority is given by the order to remove and receive (a). The order for expenses of removal and maintenance is binding, by sect. 62, till reversed on appeal; but there is no clause which enacts so as to the adjudication of settlement (b).

Order of Sessions quashed.

(a) Sect. 48.

(b) No other judge was present.

Tuesday,
February 26th.

MARKWELL against DYSON.

The Clerk of the Papers of the Queen's Prison, appointed, under stat. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 22., by the Secretary of State at a fixed salary, holds in effect the same office as the Clerk of the Papers of the Queen's Bench Prison, appointed, under stat. 27 G. 2.

c. 17., by the Marshal of the Marshalsea: and that office was one belonging to the Court of Queen's Bench, and consequently within the provisions of stat. 11 G. 4. & 1 W. 4. c. 58. and 1 & 2 W. 4. c. 35.

Held, therefore, that the Clerk of the Papers of the Queen's Prison is entitled to insist on payment to him of the fees sanctioned by the Commissioners under stat. 1 & 2 W. 4. c. 36., in order that he may account for them to the Treasury.

KEENE, on behalf of the plaintiff, obtained a rule in this term, calling on Mr. *Evison*, the Clerk of the Papers in the Queen's Prison, to shew cause why he should not be attached for a contempt in refusing to receive a writ of habeas corpus ad satisfaciendum unless he were paid 2l. 17s. 4d. for fees. In the same term (a), Sir *J. Jervis*, Attorney General, *M. D. Hill* and *Wells* by shewed cause (a), and *Keene* supported the rule.

Counsel for the defendant said that the remedy of

(a) January 24th, 1850, before *Patteson*, *Coleridge* and *Wightman* JJ.

the plaintiff, supposing the fees not to be demandable, as not by attachment; but they waived all formal objections, and prayed the Court to decide whether the fees were to be taken or not.

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Cur. adv. vult.

The facts disclosed by the affidavits, the statutes referred to, and the arguments used, sufficiently appear the judgment of the Court, which was now declared by

PATTESON J. After stating the nature of the application, his Lordship said:

The writ was issued at the instance of the plaintiff for the purpose of charging the defendant in execution. The question was, whether the Clerk of the Papers of the Queen's Bench had a right to require payment of a fee at all by the plaintiff for receiving the writ.

Before the passing of stat. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 22.(a) the office of Clerk of the Papers of the Queen's Bench was, by stat. 27 G. 2. c. 17. s. 7., in the gift of the Marshal of the Marshalsea of the Court of Queen's Bench; and the appointment was by that statute to be as long as the person appointed should behave himself well in the office. Such an appointment would be an office for life, subject to the power of the Court of Queen's Bench under the 8th section of the Act to remove for neglect or misbehaviour.

In 1829, *William Hewitt* was appointed Clerk of the Papers by the then Marshal of the Queen's Bench, and held the office at the time of the passing of stat. 11 G. 4.

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& 1 *W. 4. c. 58.* and stat. 1 & 2 *W. 4. c. 35.* By the first of these statutes, persons holding offices in or belonging to any of the Superior Courts at *Westminster* were to furnish an account of the fees and emoluments of their offices (a) to the Commissioners appointed under that Act; and, by sect. 4, the Commissioners were to enquire into the legality as well as the amount of the fees, and might require proof to be made upon oath. By sects. 7 and 8 all fees that were legally received should continue to be received until otherwise directed, and be accounted for to the Treasury. By the last of the above statutes (1 & 2 *W. 4. c. 35.*) all fees which the Commissioners deemed reasonable, and which had been received for fifty years before the 24th *May 1831*, should be taken to be legal fees.

Upon the enquiry before the Commissioners under these acts of parliament, a list of the fees which were proved by oath to have been received by the Clerk of the Papers of the Queen's Bench Prison for fifty years before the 24th of *May 1831*, was submitted to the Commissioners; and such fees were by them deemed to be reasonable; they were therefore to continue to be received until other directions should be given by competent authority, and were accordingly received by the Clerk of the Papers of the Queen's Bench Prison down to the passing of stat. 5 & 6 *Vict. c. 22.*, and were accounted for to the Treasury.

Mr. *Hewitt* continued to hold the office of Clerk of the Papers of the Queen's Bench Prison until the passing of stat. 5 & 6 *Vict. c. 22.*, when he retired. By that statute, the prisons of the Fleet and Marshalsea

(a) Which should have become due in the last ten years. Sect. 1

re abolished, and the prison of the Queen's Bench constituted (under the name of the Queen's Prison) the only prison for those who might have been imprisoned in the Queen's Bench, the Fleet or the Marshalsea; and all the offices in the prisons of the Fleet and Marshalsea were abolished; and the future appointment of the officers of the Queen's Prison, as well as the regulation of the prison itself, was given to the Secretary of State of the Home Department. Some offices in the Queen's Bench prison were to be abolished upon the next vacancy; but the greatest number of offices remained as before, and amongst them the Clerk of the Papers, who was, however, upon the next vacancy to be supplied by a salary; and, upon the retirement of Mr. *Switt*, Mr. *Evison* was appointed Clerk of the Papers with a fixed salary of 400*l.* per annum.

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The fees, however, which before the passing of stat. 6 *Vict.* c. 22. had been received by the Clerk of the Papers and accounted for to the Treasury, continued to be received and accounted for after the Act had taken effect, in the same manner that they had been before. The question before us was, whether, after that Act took effect, and the present Clerk of the Papers had been appointed with a fixed salary, he could lawfully insist on being paid the usual fees for the performance of his duty, not indeed for his own benefit, but to be accounted for to the Treasury: and we are of opinion that he could.

Though the appointment of the Clerk of the Papers in the Queen's Bench Prison was not by the Court or the Chief Justice, we entertain no doubt but that his office was one belonging to the Court, and, as such, within stat. 11 *G.* 4. & 1 *W.* 4. c. 58. and stat. 1 & 2 *W.* 4.

and his appointment was by the Secretary of State under stat. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 22., instead of the usual mode; but those circumstances do not appear to determine the question. The office of Clerk of the Papers of the Queen's Bench Prison is in effect the same as that of Clerk of the Papers of the Queen's Bench Prison, with some additional duties. The salary he receives is not said by the Act to be in lieu of fees, and, until otherwise directed by competent authority, we think he was justified in insisting upon payment of the same fees that had been theretofore paid to the Clerk of the Papers of the Queen's Bench Prison, which it belonged to that Court only, and which he found to be legal and reasonable by the Commissioners, and were accounted for by him to the Lords of the Treasury. Until some change is made by the Legislature, or others competent, with respect to the payment of those fees, the Clerk of the Papers of the Queen's Bench Prison is to us justified in insisting upon payment of them, and the rule therefore in this case will be discharged without costs.

Rule discharged.

(s) Reported by C. Blackburn, Esq.

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ROBERT BUNTER and THOMAS FISHER *against*
HENRY CRESSWELL, Clerk.

Tuesday,
February 26th.

THE plaintiffs, in *Trinity* term 1848, obtained a rule calling on the Bishop of *Bath and Wells* to shew cause why he should not pay to the plaintiffs the sum of 511*l.* 8*s.* 1*d.* levied under the writ of sequestrari facias issued in this cause. Upon the bearing of the rule it was ordered that the Bishop should pay to the plaintiffs 145*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*, being the amount of the profits received before 13th *September* 1846, and that, as to the profits received after that date, amounting to 365*l.* 7*s.* 7*d.*, the facts should be stated for the opinion of the Court in a special case, which was done accordingly. The special case was argued in last *Hilary* term (a) by *Montagu Smith* for the plaintiffs and *Rogers* for the Bishop.

Cur. adv. vult.

The facts stated in the case, and the arguments of counsel, sufficiently appear in the judgment of the Court, which was now delivered by

PATTESON J. In this case a sequestrari facias

issued. On a rule calling upon the bishop to shew cause why he should not pay the plaintiff, at whose suit the first sequestration issued, the profits of the benefice received,

Held, that the suspension, for the time of its endurance, operated, in respect of perception of the profits, as amotion would have done, not only against the clerk, but against his creditors; and the rule was discharged as to the profits received after the second sequestration was published.

A sequestration issued, on a judgment of this Court, against a beneficed clergyman: it was published, and the sequestrator entered into receipt of the profits of the benefice. Subsequently the defendant (by proceedings under stat. 3 & 4 *Vict.* c. 86.) was suspended from all exercise of his office, and from receiving the fruits of his benefice, for eighteen months. The Bishop issued a sequestration on this sentence, to a different sequestrator, which was published: the judgment debt for which the first sequestration had issued being still unsatis-

(a) *January* 25th. Before *Patteson*, *Coleridge* and *Wightman* Js.

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issued out of this Court in *April* 1843, on a judgment recovered against the defendant in the *March* preceding; it was addressed to the Bishop of *Bath and Wells*, who, in *November* 1843, issued his sequestration, and sequestered the defendant's vicarage of *Creech St. Michael*. Publication immediately took place; and the sequestrator entered into the receipt of the profits of the benefice.

In 1844 a proceeding was promoted in the *Arch* Court against the same defendant, under the *Church Discipline Act* (3 & 4 *Vict. c. 86.*): and, on the 12th *February* 1846, a decree was pronounced, by which he was suspended, for eighteen months then next following, "from all discharge and function of his clerical office, and the execution thereof, that is to say, from preaching the word of God, administering the sacraments, and celebrating all other duties and offices in the said church and parish, and elsewhere within the province of *Canterbury*, and from taking and receiving the fruits, tithes, rents, profits, salaries, and other ecclesiastical rights, dues and emoluments whatsoever belonging or appertaining to the said vicarage and church."

This judgment was duly published on the 8th *March* 1846: and, on the 10th *September* 1846, the Bishop of *Bath and Wells* issued his sequestration, to a different sequestrator, which was duly published on the 13th *September* 1846.

The question for our consideration is, substantially, what effect, if any, this sequestration has upon that previously in operation; and that question must depend, for its answer, upon the nature and effect of the judgment of suspension. It was not contended that

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Previous sequestration, issued under the authority of this Court, took away from the Court the jurisdiction to suspend, or from the Bishop the power and duty to issue the second sequestration in execution of that sentence; but that, the extent of the "ecclesiastical goods," to which it related, it so took them out of the incumbent as to prevent the second sequestration from operating upon him. And, as the first writ is in effect in terms as good as the second, if this argument can be sustained, must render the second wholly inoperative, until the argument in respect of which it issued be satisfied.

The vicar, it was said, was put out of possession by the first writ; and therefore there was nothing for the second to attach upon. For this point the cases *Doe dem. Morgan v. Bluck* (a) and *Harding v. Hill* (b) were relied upon; but neither case seems to establish the proposition in the sense in which it was put forward in the argument. In the former, the defendant had received proper notice to quit the land of which he was tenant to the rector at Christmas 1812; the demise by the rector was laid on 1st of January 1813; and the sequestration relied on for the defendant as ousting his title to sue was not issued till the 3d; it could not therefore be disputed that the rector had a good title on the day of the demise, which was all that was decided. Mr. Justice Dampier then went on to say, and correctly we think, that the rector was not entitled to the possession of the lands, so that he could not sue out a writ of habere facias possessionem; but the right to be restored to the actual possession, whereby he would defeat the operation of

(a) 3 Camp. 447.

(b) 10 M. & W. 42.

the writ of execution; *Parke* B., speaking in reference to this, uses the expression that the writ of sequestration takes the possession of the benefice and places it in the Bishop (*a*). Lord and Baron *Alderson* speak undecidedly on this point, and *Rolfe* B. says nothing. But we appear clear that the defendant remained vicar as of right; the writ published; the vicarage was full of the vicar; if he might have been deprived of it, he might have been re-installed; both which suppose a previously existing title in some sense; nor could it be disputed that these events determined the title, and the possession of the benefice, or rather the Bishop, under the writ would have determined.

So that the question is really brought to the effect of suspension. Amotion would have the effect of the first writ, as death would permanently; will suspension have for the same or a less effect? Bishop *Gibson* (C. p. 1047. ed. 2.) says that suspension ab officio jointly, or ab officio, or beneficio, signifies a temporary degradation or deprivation, and the authority which he cites, and others we have referred to, bear out this description of degradation, and deprivation, but both in

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when the time has expired, and the conditions which the sentence may collaterally impose are fulfilled, the Court contemplates that the Priest will resume the exercise of his functions and re-enter into the enjoyment of his benefice) he is neither solemnly degraded (the insignia of his order are not stripped from him), nor is he absolutely amoved from his benefice. The distinction is well stated in the following passage, to be found in the *Institutiones Canonicae* of J. Devotus, tom. 4, p. 257. tit. xx. s. 6. (*Rome*, 1826.). “*Accedit, quod clerici sacris officiis, aut ecclesiasticis stipendiis suspensi dignitatem, et beneficium non amittunt, sed tantum privantur fructibus beneficii, aliisque inde pendentibus, sui que ordinis, ac dignitatis munera exercere prohibentur. Verum depositio non solum clericum ab omni munere ordinis, ac beneficii repellit, sed eum etiam officio, et beneficio omnino privat, titulumque aufert, ita ut ad illud sine nova collatione redire nequeat.*” In the sense in which we are now considering it, suspension can only take place with regard to ecclesiastical persons; but the term is a generic one in the Canon Law, and laymen may incur it; and this we mention because the effect of it in the latter case furnishes an analogy which illustrates the case in hand. By stat. 5 & 6 E. 6. c. 4. s. 1. against quarrelling and fighting in churchyards, the Ordinary for the offence specified may *suspend* the offender, if he be a layman, ab ingressu ecclesiæ, if a clerk, from the ministration of his office, for so long a time as he shall by his discretion think meet and convenient, according to the fault. This suspension of a layman ab ingressu ecclesiæ Bishop Gibson (a) says may be called a

(a) *Coder*, vol. ii. p. 1047. (ed. 2.)

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temporary excommunication; and it seems to have borne the same relation to absolute excommunication, which suspension for a time does to degradation and deprivation. Each was imposed for lighter offences; when they were exhausted, the party resumed the enjoyments from which he had been debarred, without formal restoration or new collation; the suspended layman continued a member of the church, and the suspended clerk continues a priest and incumbent; though both are debarred from the enjoyment of the respective rights, which such continuance would in itself imply.

If, however, any one, who in any sense claims under the suspended clerk, can claim to receive the fruits and profits of the benefice, two inconveniences will follow: First, They are withdrawn from the object for which they were primarily bestowed,—the due maintenance of him who performs the duties and bears the burthens of the cure. The church being for the time in substance deprived of its minister, it is cast upon the bishop to provide for the temporary vacancy; and to enable him to do so, he is to receive the profits, not as when he receives them in the execution of a writ from a temporal court, as a sort of sheriff, with a liability to account to the Court for his receipts, but in virtue of his office of chief pastor, responsible to no one so long as the church is properly supplied. But if this he cannot do, if the funds for the maintenance of the minister may be kept from him by any prior execution or incumbrance. Secondly, The very end of the sentence will be frustrated. In considering the principle which must govern this, the statutes which prevent the charging of benefices by incumbents, which do not indeed operate against executions or judgments,

may be laid out of view: if the incumbrancer, whether *Queen's Bench.*
in the capacity of creditor or any other, may maintain **1850.**
his claim against the bishop, the suspended incumbent
in effect is the receiver of the profits; either *BUNTER*
is paid thereby, or his grantee is receiving the fruits *V.*
of his grant, but both in virtue of his right; so that *CRESSWELL.*
his right must be held to exist at the very time when by
the sentence it has been taken away.

We cannot therefore agree in placing the parties,
the plaintiffs on the one hand and the bishop on the
other, as the counsel for the plaintiffs felt compelled to
do, in the relation of contending incumbrancers, whose
rights inter se were to be determined by priority of
date: it appears to us that, if the plaintiffs can main-
tain their right now, they could equally do so if they
were posterior in the date of their charge; because the
only foundation on which they can stand is on the
existence of such an interest in the incumbent after
suspension as would be available to answer the writ of
execution; and, whether it came earlier or later, the
writ would attach on this, if it were in existence.

No direct authority was furnished us in the argument,
nor have we been able to find any; we have been com-
pelled therefore to decide this case upon principle; and
it seems to us that, on principle, it is clear that the
suspension, for the time of its endurance, operates, in
respect of the perception of the profits, as a motion or
death; that the plaintiffs' right therefore is suspended
from the 13th *September* 1846, the date of publication
of the second sequestration. Nor is there any hardship
in this: every creditor of a beneficed clergyman knows
that his recourse to the ecclesiastical goods of his
debtor is of a limited nature, determinable by his

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death, resignation or amotion; and, such as it is, it ~~is~~ in addition to the same absolute recourse to his ~~land~~ goods and lands as the creditor has against a layman.

A second point (a) was made in the argument, th ~~at~~ the Bishop was estopped by his return from contesting this matter: and we decided that, under the circum~~stances~~ stances, he was not.

The rule therefore will be discharged as to the sum of 365*l.* 7*s.* 7*d.*, the amount received since the 13~~th~~ ~~th~~ September 1846, but without costs.

Rule discharged accordingly ~~(b)~~.

(a) As this point was of no general consequence, the facts relating to it are not stated.

(b) Reported by C. Blackburn, Esq.

Tuesday,
February 26th.

ARDEN against SULLIVAN.

An agreement of demise for three years, executed in March 1845, in writing but not by deed, was prevented from operating as a lease by stat. 7 & 8 Vict. c. 76., and was

not reestablished as a lease by stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 106., which repealed the former ~~act~~, but took effect only as from October 1845.

A tenant entered into possession of a house under such agreement, made with A. ~~and~~ B., paid them rent, and so became tenant from year to year to them, on such terms of agreement as were not inconsistent with a yearly tenancy. Afterwards A. assigned all ~~his~~ interest in the premises to B. The tenant continued in occupation, and paid rent to B. singly. Held that, under these circumstances, it was to be presumed, in the absence of proof to the contrary, that the tenant had, in consideration of B. permitting him to ~~con-~~ ~~tinue~~ ~~agreed~~ to hold of B. on the terms on which he had held of A. and B.: And ~~that~~ an action lay at the suit of B. singly against the tenant for not putting the premises in repair and keeping them repaired: there being a stipulation to that effect in the agreement with A. and B., and that being a term not inconsistent with a yearly holding.

on the termination of his said tenancy or giving possession of the same, defendant promised plaintiff, during the continuance of the said tenancy, to put and keep the said house in good repair and condition, and leave the same, on the termination of the said tenancy or giving up possession of the said house, in good repair and condition. Averments of continuance of the tenancy for a sufficient time to put the house in good repair, and termination thereof. Breach: That defendant did not put nor leave the house in repair. Pleas: Non assumpsit, and a traverse of the breach. Issues thereon.

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On the trial, before *Erle J.*, at the *Middlesex* sittings during *Hilary* term, 1849, it appeared that, in 1845, plaintiff and *Edward Twynam* were owners of the premises, and that an agreement in writing between them and the defendant was executed on 28th *March* 1845, of which the material part was as follows.

The landlords agree to let, and the said *James Sullivan* agrees to take of them, from the 24th day of *June* next, for the term of three years, and, if he should afterwards continue with leave of the landlords, then as a yearly tenant subject to six months' legal notice from either party to the other, a house and premises situate No. 7. *Warwick Court, High Holborn* in the County of *Middlesex*, upon the terms, conditions, and covenants as follows, namely: That he, the said *James Sullivan*, shall pay the clear yearly rent of 67*l.* quarterly, the first of such half quarterly payments to be made on the 8th day of *August* 1845, and shall also pay all land tax, sewers rates, water rent or rates, and all other rates, taxes, outgoings and assessments whatsoever in respect of the premises or any part

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thereof. And the tenant shall also put and keep the
house and premises in good repair and condition, and
so leave the same on the termination of the tenancy or
giving up possession, with all erections, fixtures, im-
provements and other things whatsoever that now are
or shall hereafter be in any manner erected, fixed
fastened therein, save only the gas pipes and fittings
(damage by fire excepted).” There were several other
stipulations as to the manner in which the house should
be occupied; but none qualifying those above set forth,
or requiring for their observance a tenancy for a longer
period than one year.

The defendant entered under this agreement, and
paid rent to *Arden* and *Twynam*. On 16th June 1847,
Twynam conveyed all his interest in the premises to the
plaintiff. The defendant was informed of this convey-
ance, and subsequently paid rent to the plaintiff alone.
The defendant quitted possession at Midsummer 1848.
There was evidence that he left the premises out of re-
pair. Counsel for the defendant objected that the action
ought to have been brought in the names of *Arden* and
Twynam, with whom the agreement was made. The
learned Judge reserved leave to move to enter a
suit on this ground. The other questions were left
to the jury, who found for the plaintiff.

Dowling Serjt., in the ensuing term, obtained
nisi to enter a nonsuit. He cited *Rich-
Gifford* (a) and *Beale v. Saunders* (b). He also
a rule on the ground of misdirection: but, on
cussion, it appeared that the ruling of

(a) 1 A. & E. 52.

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Judge had been misunderstood. The argument on this point is omitted. In last term (a),

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Knowles and *W. Pitt Taylor* shewed cause. The agreement in writing, being after the 1st *January* 1845, was subject to stat. 7 & 8 *Vict. c. 76. s. 4.*, and could not operate as a lease. That statute is repealed by stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 106.* as from the 1st *October* 1845; but the agreement was before that day, and consequently not affected by the latter statute. The effect, therefore, of the defendant's entry and payment of rent was, that he became tenant to *Arden* and *Twynam*, not for the term of three years, but from year to year, on the terms in the agreement, so far as they are applicable to such a tenancy; *Doe dem. Rigge v. Bell* (b), *Richardson v. Gifford* (c), *Berrey v. Lindley* (d). Then, when *Twynam* assigned his part of the reversion to the plaintiff, the plaintiff became the sole landlord, and the defendant was his tenant from year to year. That alone would not give him a right to sue singly; for, though covenants run with a reversion, promises not under seal do not; *Brydges v. Lewis* (e). But the plaintiff might have given the defendant notice to quit; which was not the case in *Brydges v. Lewis* (e). There, the plaintiff, the assignee, having no power to turn out the lessee, consideration for a new promise on his part was wanting. But, where the party becoming landlord has such power, and the tenant, knowing this, pays him rent, it operates as a fresh contract, by which the tenant promises to hold under the landlord (in this

(a) *January* 22d. Before *Patteson, Coleridge* and *Erle* Js.

(b) 5 *T. R.* 471.

(c) 1 *A. & E.* 52.

(d) 3 *M. & G.* 498.

(e) 3 *Q. B.* 603. 605.

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case the plaintiff singly) on the terms contained in ~~the~~ previous agreement; *Buckworth v. Simpson* (a). ~~The~~ fallacy on the other side is in treating this as an action brought on the agreement in writing: that, no doubt, is with the plaintiff and another; but the action is brought on a fresh contract with the plaintiff alone, ~~to~~ be his tenant on the terms contained in that writing [Erle J. That may be where the terms are such as applicable to the tenancy from year to year. But is promise to put and leave in repair one which would be made on so short a tenancy as from year to year? *Richardson v. Gifford* (b) the contract was to keep tenantable repair.] The answer to that objection seen given by *Littledale J.* in the same case. "If a party chooses to rely on being merely let into possession, to waive a lease, and at the same time to engage that he will keep the premises in tenantable repair during the whole time they shall be in his occupation, he is bound by that agreement." That applies, whatever the terms be; and, though perhaps the terms might be so inapplicable to a tenancy from year to year as to shew that a party could not have intended to become tenant from year to year on them, the terms in the present agreement are not inapplicable. In *Digby v. Atkinson* (c) a covenant to keep in repair, in a lease, was deemed to regulate the terms under which the tenant held on as tenant from year to year: and, the premises having been burned, he was held liable to rebuild. [Patteson J. The argument on this point in *Buckworth v. Simpson* (a) turns upon the inference to be drawn from the absence of notice to quit: and that was what I had in my mind

(a) 1 Cro. M. & R. 834. ; S. C. 5 Tyr. 344.

(b) 1 A. & E. 52.

(c) 4 Camp. 275.

Brydges v. Lewis (a). But that inference is a matter for the jury; and I am afraid no question upon it is put to them in this case.] The defendant's counsel should have caused this question, if important to them, to be put distinctly to the jury. That it was a question to them appears from the dicta in *Johnson v. The Churchwardens of St. Peter, Hereford* (b), and from *Mayor of Thetford v. Tyler* (c). The jury here have assumed the new contract; and the facts shew a good consideration for it.

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Hawkins, contra. The question of new contract seems to have been discussed on both sides, at the close of the case, as a question of law (d). As to the effect of the late statutes: it is true that stat. 7 & 8 Vict. c. 76. s. 4. would have reduced the tenancy commenced in March 1845 to a tenancy from year to year. But, when that act was repealed by stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 106., the agreement of March 1845 thereupon became good as a written lease for three years. [*Patteson J.* The repeal operates, by sect. 1, as from 1st October 1845.] The effect is as if the prior act had never passed. Therefore, at the time of the assignment in 1847, which was subsequent to stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 106., the defendant was tenant to *Arden* and *Twynam* under a lease for three years, valid by the Statute of Frauds. This action is expressly for breach of an agreement contained in that lease; but the assignee of the rever-

(a) 3 Q. B. 603. 605.

(b) 4 A. & E. 520.; see *Jones v. Shears*, 4 A. & E. 832.

(c) 8 Q. B. 95.

(d) *Hawkins*, who was not at the trial, referred to the notes on the brief of *Dowling Serjt.*

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sion cannot sue in his own name contract, stat. 32 H. 8. c. 34. parol agreements; *Standen v. C* of rent to the assignee does not respect any farther; for the party the reversion is entitled to the the statute, and without an assignment the suggestion that, upon the assignment defendant became tenant to *Anderson* was given of that fact, nor was taken upon it. They would prove that the defendant would enter to repair, having only a year and a half. If the tenancy was under a year, there was ground for claiming a new tenancy began before the assignment contract to repair would be a covenant between landlords; and it could not be claimed that defendant became tenant to *Anderson* anew under the agreement to *Lewis (b)* the fact of a new covenant issue. [*Patteson J.* The language of *Parke B.* in *Buckworth* is strong.] At least it was a question whether or not the tenancy went on under the assignment.

PATTESON J. now delivered judgment in Court.

(a) 10 Q. B. 135.

(c) 1 Cro. M. & R. 834.; S. C. 5 Tyr.

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he agreement, under which the defendant entered possession, being made in *March* 1845, was prevented from operating as a lease by stat. 7 & 8 *Vict.* i. which came into operation in *December* 1844, was an agreement only; and we think that stat. 9 *Vict.* c. 106., repealing so much of the former act as related to agreements from *October* 1845, not apply to the agreement in question; both because it was made at a time in respect of which the former statute remains unrepealed, and, also, because the nature of a contract is fixed by the intention of the parties at the time when it is made. The defendant, by entering under this agreement and paying for a year, must be presumed to have agreed to be tenant from year to year under *Twynam* and *Arden*, and the terms contained in the agreement, none of the terms being so inconsistent with that estate as to rebut this presumption.

Thus far the law appears to have been settled; but, in the assignment by *Twynam* to *Arden* of his part in the reversion, a new reversion was created; and the defendant, by continuing to hold possession and to pay rent, continued the estate from year to year under the influence of the reversion; and, as a contract not under seal does not pass with an assignment of the reversion, the question has arisen whether there is any ground for presuming that the defendant, continuing to hold the same estate, agreed with the new reversioner to hold upon the same terms as he had held under the original reversioner. If he did, the original agreement between *Arden* and *Twynam* may be taken as rescinded, and a new agreement with *Arden* to have been substituted. It appears to us that these facts would have proved

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the contract as alleged in *Buckworth v. Simpson* in consideration that the plaintiff would allow ancy to continue, and would forbear to give quit, the defendant promised to hold upon the the agreement. And, as, in the judgment of M *Parke*, such an agreement is said to be impl such a state of the facts, the declaration in may be on that principle supported, being in applicable to implied agreements.

We do not mean to say that this implication not be rebutted if there were any facts which lead the jury to infer a different intention in the but without any evidence to the contrary such plication ought to be made. And the importance view for effecting the intention of the parties in of estates from year to year under agreements i stated in the same judgment.

Rule discha

(a) 1 C. M. & R. 834. ; S. C. 3 Tyr. 520.

(b) See *Doe dem. Davenish v. Moffat*, 15 Q. B. 257.

This case is in part reported by C Blackburn, Esq.

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SPASS for false imprisonment. Pleas: 1. Not guilty. Issue thereon. 2. That defendant acted stat. 9 & 10 *Vict. c. 95.*, and that a month's of action was not given. Replication: that there tice. Issue thereon.

the trial, before *Parke B.*, at the *Cambridge* or Assizes, 1848, a verdict was found for the f, subject to the opinion of this Court upon a which the substance was as follows.

defendant was judge of the county court of *shire* holden at *Spilsby*. The plaintiff dwelt and on his business at *Cambridge*, out of the district d to the *Spilsby* Court. The defendant, on i *July* 1847, gave leave to two persons of the of *Young* and *Madden* to summon plaintiff to *ilsby* Court on a cause of action which had l in the district of that Court. Plaintiff was ned at *Cambridge*; he did not appear; and, on f the summons, judgment was given against him ult. This judgment being unsatisfied, *Young* *dden*, the plaintiffs in the plaint, applied for, and d from the county court, a judgment summons, stat. 9 & 10 *Vict. c. 95. s. 98.*, calling on the f, as defendant in the plaint, to appear in the

A judge of a court of record is answerable in an action for an act done by his command, when he has no jurisdiction and is not misinformed as to the facts on which jurisdiction depends.

The plaintiff, who dwelt and carried on business at *Cambridge*, out of the jurisdiction of the *Spilsby* county court, was sued in that court by leave of the judge, under stat. 9 & 10 *Vict. c. 95. s. 60.*, the cause of action having arisen within the jurisdiction of the court; and judgment was duly obtained against him. Afterwards, while the plaintiff still dwelt and carried on business at *Cambridge*, a judgment summons was is-

order of the judge of the *Spilsby* Court, under sect. 98, calling upon the plaintiff to red as to his estate and effects; and, the plaintiff not appearing, the judge, know-cts, but believing, nevertheless, that he had authority, made an order that the hould be committed for his contempt.

hat the commitment was without jurisdiction; and that, as the judge had ordered i mistake of the law and not of the facts, he was liable in trespass.

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county court, holden at *Spilsby*, in or aminated by the judge of that court, a notice that, in case of his not appearing committed to the common gaol at a summons was served on the plaintiff where he resided, out of the district court. The plaintiff having disregarded and not appearing at the *Spilsby* court, of the last mentioned summons having proved, the defendant, whilst acting in capacity of judge of the *Spilsby* court bonâ fide believing he had power as such judge to make such an order, minute book of the *Spilsby* court, as in the action in that court, ordering that in the plaint, the now plaintiff, should tempt be committed to *Cambridge* gaol issued accordingly; and the plaintiff was it and imprisoned in *Cambridge* gaol upon habeas corpus. Notice of action given was proved (a).

The case was argued in last term (b).

Watson, for the plaintiff. The proceedings in the county court were regular until the judgment was issued. By stat. 9 & 10 *Vict. c. 95. s. 1* who has obtained an unsatisfied judgment in the county court may obtain a writ of habeas corpus from "any county court within the limits of which the party shall then dwell or carry on business." This does not authorise such an application.

(a) See also the statement of facts, p. 850, post.

(b) 18th and 25th of January, 1850, before *Patton* and *Wightman* Js.

court in which such judgment was obtained, unless the defendant reside or carry on his business within its limits; therefore the defendant, the judge of the *Spilsby* court, had no jurisdiction to issue the summons, and consequently no jurisdiction to commit for the alleged contempt. It probably will not be denied on the part of the defendant that the imprisonment was wrongful: and it is admitted by the plaintiff that, when a judge comes to a wrong conclusion either of law or of fact, he is not responsible for such a wrong decision, if it be in a matter over which he has jurisdiction. But, when a judge has no jurisdiction over the matter, he is responsible, though he acts because he erroneously thinks he has jurisdiction. This distinction, which runs through all the cases, is exemplified in *Carratt v. Morley* (a). The defendant in the present case is a judge of a court of record, with an authority limited by statute. His order for the imprisonment of the plaintiff, not being within the scope of his special jurisdiction, given him by the statute, is void; and the judge who made it is liable in trespass; *Watson v. Bodell* (b), *Miller v. Seare* (c). There is a class of cases, of which *Thomas v. Hudson* (d) is one, which decide that an officer, obeying the order of a court, is protected, though the order itself was void. The principle on which those decisions rest is shewn in *Andrews v. Marris* (e). The officer is protected because he is bound to obey the commands of his superior, if formally given, without enquiring whether

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(a) 1 Q. B. 18.

(b) 14 M. & W. 57.

(c) 2 W. Bl. 1141.

(d) 14 M. & W. 353. Judgment of Exch. affirmed on Error in Exch. Ct., *Thomas v. Hudson*, 16 M. & W. 885.

(e) 1 Q. B. 3.

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the superior was justified or not; but that principle is not applicable to the judge himself. The whole law on the liability of a judge is to be found in *Calder v. Halket* (a) and in *Taaffe v. Downes* (b). Parke B. in delivering the judgment of the Judicial Committee of Privy Council in *Calder v. Halket* (a), states the law to be that a judge has an immunity in respect any act of a judicial nature within the general scope of his jurisdiction, "and whether there was any irregularity or error in it or not, would be dispunishable by ordinary process at law. But the protection would clearly not extend to a judicial act, done wholly without jurisdiction." He afterwards adds another qualification to the liability of a judge: "It is well settled that a judge of a court of record in *England*, with limited jurisdiction, or a justice of the peace, acting judicially with a special and limited authority, is not liable to an action of trespass for acting without jurisdiction, unless he had the knowledge or means of knowledge of which he ought to have availed himself, of that which constitutes the defect of jurisdiction." And he cites *Gwin v. Poole* (c), *Pike v. Carter* (d) and *Lowther v. The Earl of Radnor* (e). The defendant, in the present case, had in fact no jurisdiction; for the plaintiff dwelt and carried on his business out of the limits of the defendant's district. The facts shew that the defendant had knowledge of this; he had given leave to summon the plaintiff; which leave would not have been required if the plaintiff had resided or carried on his business

(a) 3 Moore's Privy Council Cases, 28.

(b) 3 Moore, P. C. C. 36. note (a).

(c) 2 Lutw. Appendix, 1560. 1566.

(e) 8 East, 113.

(d) 3 Bing — 78.

within the district. The service of the notice in *Cambridgeshire* was proved before the defendant at the time when he issued his order to commit the plaintiff to *Cambridge* gaol; and it would have been wrong to commit him to any gaol except *Spilsby* if he had resided in that district.

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Then, supposing that the defendant has a defence, it is not open to him under the plea of Not guilty. In *Mostyn v. Fabrigas* (a), which was trespass for false imprisonment, Lord *Mansfield* says, "Nothing is so clear as that to an action of this kind the defendant if he has any justification must plead it;" and, again, "Therefore by the law of *England*, if an action be brought against a judge of record for an act done by him in his judicial capacity, he may plead that he did it as judge of record, and that will be a complete justification. So in this case, if the injury complained of had been done by the defendant as a judge, though it arose in a foreign country where the technical distinction of a court of record does not exist, yet sitting as a judge in a court of justice, subject to a superior review, he would be within the reason of the rule which the law of *England* says shall be a justification; but then it must be pleaded." This is quoted at the bar in *Picton's Case* (b); and it has always been the practice to plead specially. In *Hamond v. Howell* (c), *Groenvelt v. Burwell* (d) and *Taaffe v. Downes* (e) the defence was specially pleaded. [*Wightman J.* referred to *Holroyd v. Breare* (g).] There the actual trespasser,

(a) 1 *Cowp.* 161. 172.

(b) 30 *Howell's State Trials*, 225. 751.

(c) 2 *Mod* 218.

(d) 1 *Ld. Raym.* 454.

(e) 3 *Moore's Privy Council Cases*, 28, note (a).

(g) 3 *B. & Ald.* 473.

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in seizing the goods of the plaintiff, did an act not authorised by the defendant, who, as judge, had issued process commanding him to seize the goods of a third person. The defence was a denial that the defendant did the wrongful act, which is Not guilty. In the present case the bailiff imprisoned the plaintiff by express order of the defendant, but he says he was justified in giving such an order; that justification should be specially pleaded. [*Wightman J.* In *Dicas v. Baron Brougham & Vaux*(a) the defence was admitted under Not guilty.] There the defendant was protected by the common law as a judge, and also under stat. 6 G. 4. c. 16., and was entitled to plead the general issue by sect. 44; the last defence was open under the general issue, as the cause was before the rule of *Trinity* term, 1 Vict. (b). That point appears, by the report in *Carrington & Payne*, to have been taken at the trial, though it is not noticed in the report in *Moody & Robinson*. [*Wightman J.* According to my recollection of the case, Lord Lyndhurst decided it entirely on the ground that the act of a court of record was not a *prima facie* trespass by the judge, and consequently that proof of its being the act of court of record was admissible under Not guilty.]

Worlledge, contra. The defence may be given in evidence under Not guilty. In *Dicas v. Baron Brougham & Vaux* (a) Lord Lyndhurst appears to have acted on the principle just stated from the Bench. Stat. 6 G. 4. c. 16. s. 44. is not mentioned in *Moody & Robinson's* report at all; and the reporters must have thought that Lord Lyndhurst ruled only on the point

(a) 1 M. & Rob. 309. ; S. C. 6 Car. & P. 249.

(b) 8 A. & E. 279.

which they noticed. In *Buron v. Denman* (a) the Court of Exchequer, on a trial at bar, directed the jury that, if the seizure of the goods by the defendant was a seizure by the Crown, it was an act of state, for which the defendant was irresponsible and, therefore, entitled to a verdict on Not guilty. That is the very principle of *Dicas v. Baron Brougham & Vaux* (b), as stated in *Moody & Robinson*. There are other authorities for it; *Tinsley v. Nussau* (c), *Tunno v. Morris* (d). [Coleridge J. These two last cases seem to be open to the same explanation as *Holroyd v. Breare* (e).] In *Le Caux v. Eden* (g), an action of trespass for false imprisonment incidental to the taking of a ship as prize which was afterwards acquitted by the Court of Admiralty, Not guilty was the only plea. In *Calder v. Halket* (h) the Court seems to have inclined to the opinion that the same plea was sufficient at common law. The imprisonment here was by a warrant under the seal of the court. It is true, the defendant ordered that warrant to issue; but, if it is so far the act of the Court as to protect him, then he is not guilty of the trespass. It could hardly be contended that, if a prisoner under sentence of imprisonment brought an action against the judge of assize who sentenced him, the judge must plead specially.

Then is there a defence here? It must be admitted that the committal was wrong, under the circumstances; but the defendant would have had jurisdiction to summon

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(a) 2 Exch. 167. 189, 190.

(b) 1 M. & Rob. 309.; S. C. 6 Car. & P. 249.

(c) M. & M. 52.

(d) 2 C. M. & R. 298. S. C. 5 Tyr. 949.

(e) 2 B. & Ald. 473.

(g) 2 Dougl. 594.

(h) 3 Moore, P. C. C. 28. 79.

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and commit the plaintiff if he had dwelt or carried on business within the limits of the *Spilsby* court. In delivering judgment in *Calder v. Halket* (a) PARSONS B. says: "We must consider the defendant as being in the same situation as a criminal judge in this country with the qualification, that he had no jurisdiction over one particular class, viz., the European born subjects of the British Crown; and the question is, whether he is liable to an action of trespass, for causing the plaintiff to be arrested, he being, in reality, exempt from his jurisdiction." He then, after discussing the various cases, concludes: "It is clear, therefore, that a judge is not liable in trespass for want of jurisdiction, unless he knew, or ought to have known, of the defect; and it lies on the plaintiff, in every such case, to prove that fact." Now how does the plaintiff in the present case prove that fact? The defendant committed him to *Cambridge* gaol; and no doubt that shews that he was aware that the plaintiff resided in *Cambridgeshire*; but that he might carry on business in *Lincolnshire*; there must be thousands of persons who carry on business in the metropolis, and therefore are within the jurisdiction of the judges of the Metropolitan county courts, and yet reside in *Kent*, *Surrey* or *Middlesex*, so that the judge of the Metropolitan county court, if acting under the 99th section, must commit them to a gaol out of his district. There is nothing to shew that the defendant here had his attention called to the fact that the plaintiff carried on his business out of the district of *Spilsby*. It is true that, some months before, he gave leave to summon the plaintiff; but it is too much to

(a) 3 Moore, P. C. C. 76.

~~assume~~ that a judge of a County court, who decides ~~an~~ enormous number of cases, remembers all that has ~~occurred~~ in his court. All that would in fact take ~~place~~ at the time of the committal would be that the ~~judge~~ would enquire if the person appeared, and if there ~~was~~ personal service. He could not be expected to sur-
~~mise~~ that the wrong court had been applied to, unless
~~something~~ called his attention to it. *Ollet v. Bessey* (a),
Gwinne v. Pools (b), *Pike v. Carter* (c), *Lowther v. Lord*
Radnor (d), and an *Anonymous* (e) case in *Ventris*, are
authorities that there must be something in the inferior
court equivalent to a plea to the jurisdiction, or at least
conveying clear notice to the judge that there was no
jurisdiction, or else the judge is not liable. These
authorities were not cited in *Carratt v. Morley* (g): and
the ground of the decision against the commissioners
in that case was, that it did not appear that the com-
missioners had any evidence before them that the plain-
tiff resided within their jurisdiction. In *Andrews v.*
Marris (h) the action was not against the commissioners.
In *Watson v. Bodell* (i) it was assumed that the want
of jurisdiction was known to the defendant. In *Beau-*
rain v. Scott (k) and *Smith v. Bouchier* (l) the objec-
tions to the jurisdiction were apparent on the face of
the proceedings. *Miller v. Seare* (m) is treated by *Hol-*
royd J., in *Basten v. Carew* (n), as overruled by *Doswell*
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(a) 2 (T.) Jones, 214.

(c) 3 Bing. 78.

(e) 1 Ventris, 236.

(h) 1 Q. B. 3.

(k) 3 Campb. 388.

(m) 2 W. Bl. 1141.

(o) 1 R. & C. 168.

(b) 2 Lutw. Appendix, 1566.

(d) 8 East, 113, 119.

(g) 1 Q. B. 18.

(i) 14 M. & W. 57, 70, 71.

(l) 2 Str. 993.

(n) 3 B. & C. 649, 657.

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Watson, in reply, cited *Terry v. Huntington* (a) and *Wingate v. Waite* (b), and contended that the matter in question was wholly without the jurisdiction of the defendant, inasmuch as the authority given by the 98th and 99th sections was to proceed in poenam (c), an entirely new jurisdiction, and not in continuance of the original jurisdiction to hear and determine the case; and that the question of scienter was material in those cases only where, under given circumstances, jurisdiction existed.

Cur. adv. vult.

PATTESON J. now delivered judgment.

This was an action for trespass and false imprisonment against the defendant, the judge of the county court in *Lincolnshire*. The defendant pleaded Not guilty, but not saying "by statute;" also a plea of want of notice of action; but the notice was proved at the trial. The facts appear to be that the plaintiff being resident in *Cambridgeshire*, was sued in the county court at *Spilsby* in *Lincolnshire* by special order of the defendant under the 60th section of stat. 9 & 10 *Vict. c. 95*. The plaintiff was served with the summons in *Cambridgeshire*, and not appearing, judgment was given against him by default at the court at *Spilsby* on the 18th *August* 1847. A judgment order was served on the plaintiff in *Cambridgeshire* on the 25th *August*. A warrant against the goods of the plaintiff within the jurisdiction of the *Spilsby* court was issued on the 14th of *September*, which was transmitted,

(a) *Hardres*, 480

(b) 6 *M. & W.* 739.

(c) See *Kinning's Case*, 10 *Q. B.* 730; *Ex parte Kinning*, 4 *Comm. B.* 507; and *Bowdler's Case*, 12 *Q. B.* 612. (all on stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 27*.)

der the 104th section of the Act (a), to the county court in *Cambridgeshire*, and returned "no effects."

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For the proceedings were all regular. On the 21st September a summons was issued by order of the defendant, calling on the plaintiff to appear at the *Spilsby* court on the 7th *October*, and be examined as to his paying the debt and costs, and as to his estate and effects. This summons was without jurisdiction; for section, 98, which authorises the issuing such summons, directs it to be issued by the county court within the limits of which the party shall *then* dwell or carry on his business; which in this case was the county court of *Cambridgeshire*; for in that county the plaintiff dwelt and carried on his business during the whole of these proceedings. This summons was served on the plaintiff in *Cambridgeshire* on the 21st September. On the 7th *October* the plaintiff did not appear at the county court at *Spilsby*; and, the service of the last summons having been proved, the defendant, as judge of the court, *bonâ fide* believing that he had power and authority to do so, made a minute in the minute book of the court, whereby it was ordered that the plaintiff should, for contempt in not attending, be committed to *Cambridge* gaol for fourteen days. A warrant was made out accordingly; and he was so committed.

That this commitment was without jurisdiction is plain; that the defendant ordered it under a mistake of the law and not of the facts is equally plain; for it is impossible that he could be ignorant that the plaintiff dwelt and carried on his business in *Cambridgeshire*, the service of all the processes having been proved to have been made there, and the defendant having

(a) See stat. 15 & 16 *Vict. c. 54. s. 5.*

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originally specially allowed the plaintiff to be made his court, within the jurisdiction of which the cause of action accrued, the defendant (the now plaintiff) residing in *Cambridgeshire*. This case is not therefore within the principle of *Lowther v. The Earl of Radnor* or *Gwinne v. Poole* (b), where the facts of the case, though subsequently found to be false, were such, if true, would give jurisdiction, and it was held that the question as to jurisdiction or not must depend on the state of facts as they appeared to the magistrate or judge assuming to have jurisdiction. Here the facts of the case, which were before the defendant and could not be unknown to him, shewed that he had not jurisdiction; and his mistaking the law as applied to those facts cannot give him even a *prima facie* jurisdiction, or semblance of any. The only questions, therefore, are, whether the defendant is protected from liability at common law, being and acting as the judge of a court of record, in which case the plea of Not guilty would be sufficient; or whether he is protected by the provisions of any statute, and, if so, whether he can take advantage of such statute, having omitted the words "by statute" in his plea and the margin of it.

As to the first question, although it is clear that the judge of a court of record is not answerable at common law in an action for an erroneous judgment, or for the act of any officer of the court wrongfully done, not in pursuance of, though under colour of, a judgment of the court, yet we have found no authority for saying that he is not answerable in an action for an act done by his command and authority when he has no jurisdiction. Here the defendant had not only

(a) 8 East, 113. 119.

(b) 2 Lutw. Appendix, 1560, 1566.

no jurisdiction to commit the plaintiff to the gaol of *Cambridgeshire*, but he had no jurisdiction to summon him to shew cause why he had not paid the debt. That summons ought to have been issued out of the county court of *Cambridge*.

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The case of *Dicas v. Baron Brougham & Vaux* (a) was cited: but it is plain that the order of commitment made by the defendant as Lord Chancellor was not without or in excess of jurisdiction; the question was whether it was regular or not, which clearly could not form the subject of an action. *Holroyd v. Breare* (b), *Tunno v. Morris* (c), and other similar cases, turned on the question whether the person doing the wrongful act was so servant of the defendant as to make him answerable for the act; and it was held that an officer is not such a servant to a judge of the Court: but none of those cases turned on the want of jurisdiction. We cannot therefore hold that the defendant in this case is protected from liability at common law.

Is he then protected by any statute? We find no statute which gives such protection. The statutes 21 *Ja.* 1. c. 12. s. 5. and 42 *G.* 3. c. 85. s. 6. enable the defence, when it exists, to be given in evidence under the general issue, but they do not protect a party acting without jurisdiction; and now even that privilege of pleading the general issue only is coupled with this qualification, that the plea must be stated to be "by statute," which words are omitted here.

The judgment must therefore be for plaintiff.

Judgment for plaintiff (d).

(a) 1 *M. & Rob.* 309.

(b) 2 *B. & Ald.* 473.

(c) 2 *C. M. & R.* 298.; *S. C.* 5 *Tyr.* 949.

(d) Reported by *H. Davison, Esq.*, and *C. Blackburn, Esq.*

See *Dews v. Riley*, 11 *Com. B.* 434., and stat. 15 & 16 *Vict.* c. 54. s. 6.

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The QUEEN *against* The ABERDARE Canal Company.

By statute incorporating a Canal Company, all persons seised of freehold or

PULLING, in *Easter* term last, obtained a rule *nisi* to quash (on return to a certiorari) a judgment and determination, consent and approbation, given by copyhold estates of 100*l.* per annum in the county of *G.*, and all persons residing therein and having personal estates of the value of 2000*l.*, were appointed Commissioners for settling all questions and differences between the Company and the land-owners, with power to take evidence on oath, and to assess compensation unless the parties should desire to have it assessed by a jury. The determinations of the Commissioners, the verdicts of the juries, and the Commissioners' judgments thereon, were to be deposited with the Clerk of the peace among the records of the Sessions. All the orders and proceedings of the Commissioners were to be entered in a book, and, being signed by them, to be deemed originals and received as evidence. Before acting, the Commissioners were to take an oath truly and impartially to execute their powers. No Commissioner was to act when interested. The Canal Company were to make bridges over the canal for the convenience of land-owners, as the Commissioners should order; but, if land-owners should find any of the bridges so ordered insufficient for the commodious use of the land, they were empowered, with the consent of the Canal Company, or, in case of the refusal for twenty one days, then with the consent and approbation of the Commissioners, to make convenient bridges at their own costs.

By an entry of the Commissioners' proceedings, made as above, it appeared that a landowner had applied to the Commissioners at a meeting convened by public notice under the Act, for their sanction to the building of a bridge at his own cost; and that the Commissioners, after hearing evidence for the applicant, and counsel for the Company in opposition to the claim, gave their consent.

Held that the consent was a judicial act, and that the entry of it might be brought by certiorari.

The application was on behalf of *B.*, the owner of lands adjoining the canal: in fact, however, the bridge was not wanted for the use of his lands, but to bring coals from a colliery lying beyond them, which coals would be carried by the proposed bridge across the canal to a railway, and by that railway to the town of *C.*, instead of going by the canal. The Chairman and several directors and shareholders of the Railway Company were sworn and acted as Commissioners when the application was heard and granted.

Held that, by reason of the interest they had in the result, the proceedings were void.

Quære, whether the accidental intrusion of one interested person, out of so large a body of Commissioners, would have vitiated the proceedings.

The statute enacted that *no meeting of the Commissioners should be held unless notice of the time &c. of such meeting should be given in a county newspaper at least sixteen days before such meeting.*

By the above mentioned entry, returned to a certiorari, it appeared that the meeting was held on *February* 12th, in pursuance "of a summons and notice in the *M. G. newspaper*" (a county paper) "of the 27th of *January*." The notice, as well as the newspaper, was dated of that day.

Held, that the notice was insufficient, and that, on this ground also, the proceedings were bad and must be quashed. Although it appeared by affidavit that copies of the newspaper dated 27th were in fact published and circulated on the 26th.

Commissioners under stat. 33 G. 3. c. 95. (a), on application of the Marquis of *Bute* and his trustees and guardians, for making a certain bridge over the *Aberdare* canal.

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Stat. 33 G. 3. c. 95., is "For making and maintaining a navigable road from the *Glamorganshire Canal*, to or near the village of *Aberdare*, in the county of *Glamorgan*; and for making and maintaining a railway and a road from thence to or near *Abernant*, in the parish of *Cadostone* in the county of *Neath*, in the said county."

The act incorporates the promoters by the name of *The Company of Proprietors of the Aberdare Canal Navigation*. Sect. 10 enacts: "That persons seised of freehold or copyhold estates of 100*l.* per annum, in the county of *Glamorgan*, and all persons residing within the county, and having personal estates of the value of 2,000*l.*, shall be and are hereby appointed commissioners for the settling, determining, and settling all questions, matters, and differences which shall or may arise between the said Company of Proprietors, and the several proprietors of the same" &c. that shall or may be affected by the execution of the powers granted. The section then proceeds to give the Commissioners power to take evidence upon oath, and to determine the amount of compensation to be paid to such parties as should acquiesce in the compensation being determined by the Commissioners, and requires them, in case the parties do not acquiesce, to summon a jury to assess such compensation.

Sect. 13 enacts: "That all the determinations of the said Commissioners which shall be submitted to and acquiesced in by the parties concerned, and also the verdicts of the juries, and the judgments of the said Commissioners thereon as aforesaid, shall be transmitted to and kept by the Clerk of the Peace amongst the records of the Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said county."

Sect. 38. "That all the orders and proceedings of the said Commissioners shall be regularly entered in a book to be kept for that purpose, and that such entries (being signed by the said Commissioners) shall be deemed originals, and admitted as evidence in all Courts."

By sect. 54 the Company are to make such bridges, &c. and other works, across the canal &c., for the convenience of the occupiers of land through which the canal passes, as the Commissioners shall from time to time judge necessary and appoint.

Sect. 55 enacts: "That if the owners or occupiers of any lands or hereditaments through which the said canal shall be made, do or shall at any time or times find that any of the "bridges" &c. "which the said Commissioners shall have directed or appointed to be made by the said Company of Proprietors as aforesaid, are insufficient, either in the number or situation, for the commodious use and occupation of their respective

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Crompton, in the same term, obtained a rule to quash the certiorari quia improvidè emanavit.

The matter returned with the certiorari was a manuscript book, a plan, and a copy of the *Merthyr Tydfil Guardian* newspaper, bearing date *Saturday, 27th January 1849*, containing a notice by advertisement, dated the same day, of a general meeting of the Commissioners, to be held on *February 12th*. In the book was an entry (*a*), commencing: "At a meeting of the Commissioners, constituted and appointed by the Act of Parliament" &c., "held at" &c., "on the 12th day of

lands" &c., "it shall be lawful for any such owners or occupiers, with the consent and approbation of the committee of the said Company of Proprietors, upon request made to them for that purpose, or in case of their refusal for the space of twenty one days after such request, then with the consent and approbation of the said Commissioners, to make" "at their own costs" such bridges, &c. as shall be found and judged convenient.

Sect. 69 enacts that the Commissioners shall, before acting, take oath truly and impartially to execute their powers.

Sect. 70 enacts "That no person shall be capable of acting as a Commissioner" "in any case where he shall be interested or concerned in the matter in question."

Sect. 71. That "no meeting whatsoever" of the Commissioners shall be had "unless previous notice of the time, place, and purpose of such meeting shall be given in some newspaper published or circulated within the said counties, or in such other manner as the said Company of Proprietors shall direct or appoint, at least sixteen days before such meeting."

Sect. 72 provides for the holding of general meetings of the Commissioners on request by five or more proprietors of the Navigation, or the owner or occupier of lands &c. to be affected by the canal or works; notice to be given "in manner aforesaid," within seven days after such request, of a general meeting to be held at a time specified, not less than sixteen nor more than twenty one days from the day of request: provision for adjournment in cases specified, and for reassembling on new notice.

(*a*) An objection was taken to this entry as irregular, and not properly headed. *Coleridge J.* said: Do you expect that we shall be very strict with a body to which the act makes any person having freehold or copyhold worth 100*l.* a year admissible? You must expect the proceedings to be informal. It is an anomalous court.

February 1849, in pursuance of a summons and notice the *Merthyr Guardian* newspaper of the 27th of January last" &c., "Mr. *Lloyd*, on behalf of the Marquis of *Bute* and his guardians and trustees, presented the Commissioners, and left with them to file with their proceedings, a plan of a new bridge or passage proposed to be erected and made by them over the *Aberdare Canal*, and for the more commodious use and occupation of their farm and lands called *Cwmbach* in the parish of *Aberdare*, in the county of *Glamorgan*, and the lands through which the said canal has been made; and by which plan was shewn the place which had been judged most necessary and convenient for making such bridge, with the manner in which it was proposed to carry the same over the canal, and connect the same; and he called as witness Mr. *T. Evans*, Solicitor, *Cardiff*, who proved *Friday*, the 26th *January* 1849, as the date of publication of the newspaper containing the notice of meeting. Mr. *T. Collingdon*, agent to the trustees of the Marquis of *Bute*, proved his signature to the notice hereinafter mentioned, and that as trustees they were owners of *Cwmbach Farm*. Mr. *Lloyd* put in a notice, under one of the sections of the act of parliament, of a request to the committee of the Canal Company, which was kept by the Commissioners. Mr. *J. S. Corbett*, land agent to the Marquis of *Bute*, proved the receipt of rents of *Cwmbach* for the trustees, and that he accounted to them for the rents. Mr. *H. W. Harris*, clerk to Messrs. *Perkins and James*, proved the service of a duplicate notice of request and copy plan, put in," on the committee of the Canal Company. "Mr. *Collingdon* proved the signatures of parties to the notice

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requiring the Commissioners to call a general meeting of the Commissioners, which the Commissioners kept with their proceedings. Mr. *C. H. James*, solicitor, *Merthyr Tydvil*, proved service of a duplicate notice to the Commissioners requiring them to call a meeting; "and also proved that they had been sworn under the act before they had been served." "He also proved the signatures by the Commissioners to the notice, a copy of which appeared in the newspaper produced. He also proved that no answer had been returned by the Canal Company to the landowners' request." The entry then shewed other examinations on behalf of the Marquis's trustees, and cross examinations by counsel who appeared for the Canal Company under protest, and who addressed the Commissioners; and that the question was put, whether the consent requested, to the erection of a bridge over the canal at *Crombach*, should be granted, which was carried on a shew of hands, and the meeting then adjourned to the 19th of *February*. On that day there was an entry of the proceedings at the adjourned meeting, when the former minutes were signed.

The rules were drawn up on reading certain affidavits. The facts which the Court considered established and material sufficiently appear from the judgment. In this term (*a*) the two rules came on for argument. It was arranged that the two should be argued together.

Crompton, in support of the rule to quash the certiorari, and in opposition to the rule to quash the proceedings. These minutes are not of a nature to be the

(*a*) *January* 16th and 26th. Before *Patteson*, *Coleridge* and *Wightman* J_s.

ect of a certiorari: and that is a ground for making
lute the rule to quash the certiorari, and also a
nd for discharging the rule to quash the minutes;
ina v. Hatfield Peverel (a). A certiorari does not
to remove any other than judicial acts; *Rex v.*
ed (b), *In re Constables of Hipperholme* (c). When
act now in question is examined, it appears that
minutes are not of this nature. The power to make
ges and other works on a party's own land is one
lent to the ownership and occupation of that land.

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Legislature, in this act, gives power to make a
d through certain lands. They do not think fit to
from the owners of these lands the power they
at common law to make such works; but they
ch a condition to its exercise. The Commissioners,
sect. 54, order the Company to make what they
sider sufficient bridges and other works, for the
venient occupation of the lands intersected by the
d. The owners may, by sect. 55, make what ad-
onal bridges and other works they please; but it
t be "with the consent and approbation of the
nittee of the said Company of Proprietors, upon
est made to them for that purpose, or in case of
refusal for the space of twenty one days after
request, then with the consent and approbation of
said Commissioners." If the Company take proceed-
against the landowner for erecting a bridge, it will
necessary for his defence to shew that there has been
a consent given in fact, by the Committee or by
Commissioners; but it will not be necessary to

) Antè, p. 298. 317.

(b) *Cald.* 309.

) 5 *Dowl. & L.* 79.

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prove either consent by any minute or written record. The Commissioners are directed to act judicially, assessing compensation under sect. 10: when they act, there are careful provisions for recording their proceedings at the Quarter Sessions. But the consent given to make a bridge or other work is not within sect. 10: it is not to be returned to the sessions, and may be entirely verbal. It is true that, by sect. 38, minutes are to be kept, and those minutes are made evidence; but they are not on that account the subject of a certiorari. The resolutions of town councils or railway boards must be entered in minutes, which are for some purposes made evidence; but, not being judicial, these entries could no more be brought up by certiorari than the nonjudicial order of the Quarter Sessions in *Rex v. Lloyd (a)*, or the resolution of the vestry appointing constables, *In re Constables of Hipperholme (b)*. On the other side *Rex v. Inhabitants — in Glamorganshire (c)* is relied upon: but there the proceedings were judicial. The point decided was, that it was immaterial whether the jurisdiction was old or new; a decision quite consistent with *Rex v. Lloyd (a)*. [Patteson J. The landowner, who wants an additional bridge, is first to apply to the Committee for their consent and approval. If they refuse, he may apply to the Commissioners for theirs. Do you go so far as to say that the Commissioners would be justified in giving their consent on an ex parte statement, and refusing to hear the Company in opposition?] They would. The application to the Commissioners is not

(a) *Cald.* 309.

(b) *5 Dowd. & L.* 79.

(c) *1 Ld. Raym.* 580.

by way of appeal from the Committee. If the Committee grant a licence it is sufficient; if they refuse, the licence of the Commissioners is sufficient: but there is nothing in the act to require them to hear the parties unless they think fit. [*Wightman J.* You would say that they must hear the parties before they make an order, but not necessarily before they give a consent. *Coleridge J.* The nature of the proposed bridge might be injurious to the Company: as by being so low as to impede the traffic. It is fit they should have an opportunity of urging such an objection.]

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Crompton then argued on the insufficiency of the objections raised by the affidavits. Only two of these were decided upon by the Court: the first being that interested persons were sworn and acted as Commissioners; the second, that the meeting of Commissioners was not duly called, notice of it not having been given "at least sixteen days before." The judgment of the Court makes it unnecessary to state the argument on these points in detail.

Pulling, contra. The certiorari issued properly to bring up these proceedings. It lies wherever the proceeding is of a judicial nature; *Groenwelt v. Burwell*(a). The proceedings in *Rex v. Lloyd*(b) and *In re Constables of Hipperholme*(c) were matters purely discretionary. But where the matter is not discretionary certiorari lies; *Regina v. Coles*(d). The present proceedings are like those in *Rex v. Inhabitants* — in

(a) 1 *Salk.* 144. 263.

(c) 5 *Dowl. & L.* 79.

(b) *Cald.* 309.

(d) 8 *Q. B.* 75. 83, 86.

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Glamorganshire (a). Sect 71, requiring notice before any meeting, shews that the business to be transacted there is considered judicial.

The argument proceeded thus far on *January 16th*. On its being resumed, *January 26th*,

PATTESON J. said: We are satisfied that this was judicial act on the part of the Commissioners, and therefore, that a certiorari lies.

Pulling was then heard on the several objections to the proceedings of the Commissioners. On the question as to interest he cited *Regina v. The Cheltenham Commissioners* (b), *Regina v. The Justices of Herefordshire* (c) and *Rex v. Jones* (d); and he contended that the actual conduct of the interested parties has shewn a bias in them. *Crompton*, on this point, denied that any interest sufficient to disqualify any of the parties from acting was shewn to have existed in fact; and he further urged that, if some few Commissioners were interested, the prosecutors could not now impeach the decision of so large a body on account of the accidental presence of one or two disqualified parties.

As to the advertisement, *Pulling* contended that a regular notice of the meeting was a fact which ought to have appeared on the face of the proceedings returned; *Rex v. Bagshaw* (e), *Rex v. Mayor of Liverpool* (g); and that the notice here was not given "at least sixteen days before" the meeting; for that the

(a) 1 *Ld. Raym.* 580.

(b) 1 *Q. B.* 467.

(c) 6 *Q. B.* 753.

(d) 2 *Harr. & Woll.* (Bail Court) 293.

(e) 7 *T. R.* 363.

(g) 4 *Burr.* 2244.

day of notice and the day of meeting must be excluded ; *Queen's Bench.*
Regina v. The Justices of Shropshire (a), *Regina v.* 1850.
Justices of Middlesex (b). [*Wightman J.* The words
of stat. 33 G. 3. c. 95. s. 71. are very strong; that no
meeting shall be had " unless " notice be given at least
sixteen days before.] *Crompton*, on this point, referred
to the documents before the Court (c), by which it
appeared that, although the *Merthyr Guardian* bore
the date of *January 27th*, it was in fact circulated on
the 26th: and he observed that there were well known
cases of weekly publications in *London* which were
dated on one day but published on another. He con-
tended that the words " in pursuance of a summons
and notice in the *Merthyr Guardian* newspaper of the
27th of *January* last " indicated a publication in the
newspaper so dated, but did not necessarily mean that
the notice was first published on that day: and that
a notice, though misdated, would be good if shewn to
have been published in time. [*Wightman J.* The
entry by the Commissioners is drawn up after re-
ceiving proof. It is not clear from the form of their
entry (which mentions the newspaper " of the 27th ")
that they were satisfied of the notice having been
published on the 26th.] *Crompton* also cited *Ostler v.*
Cooke (d), and the judgment of Lord *Cottenham* in
Taylor v. Clemson (e). And he referred to sect. 72 of
stat. 33 G. 3. c. 95.: but it was answered that the
meeting now in question did not appear to have been
convened under that section; and that the prohibitory
words of sect. 71 applied to all meetings.

Cur. adv. vult.

(a) 8 A. & E. 173.

(b) 3 Dowl. & L. 109.

(c) See p. 857. ante.

(d) 13 Q. B. 143.

(e) 11 Cl. & Fin. 610. 645.

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PATTESON J. now delivered judgment.

This was a motion to quash a judgment, determination, consent and approbation of Commissioners under an Act of 33 G. 3. c. 95., for making the *Aberdare* canal, the same having been removed into this Court by writ of certiorari.

By the 10th section of that act, all persons having freehold or copyhold estates of 100*l.* per annum in *Glamorganshire*, and all persons resident in the county and having personal estate of 2000*l.* value, are made Commissioners for the settling, determining and adjusting all questions, matters and differences which shall or may arise between the Company and proprietors of lands : but that section, if it stood alone, seems to refer only to questions of compensation. By sect. 54 the Company are to make such bridges as the Commissioners shall from time to time judge necessary and appoint. By sect. 55, if owners or occupiers of lands shall find the bridges, which the Commissioners shall have directed to be made, insufficient for the commodious use and occupation of their lands, they may, with the consent and approbation of the Committee of the Company, upon request made to them, or, in case of their refusal for the space of twenty one days after such request, then, with the consent and approbation of the said Commissioners, make bridges at their own expense.

In this case the trustees of the Marquis of *Bute*, being owners of lands adjoining the canal, made a request to the Committee for their consent to erect a bridge over the canal, and, after twenty one days' refusal, applied to the Commissioners, who held a meeting, and, after hearing evidence and argument

and con, gave their consent and approbation, as appears by a minute of their proceedings, returned under the writ of certiorari. It was contended for the trustees that this was not such a judicial act as could be brought up by certiorari. We gave our opinion on the argument, and are fully satisfied that it was a judicial act. The Company had refused their consent; the Commissioners under the Act were manifestly bound to examine into the propriety of such refusal, and to determine the question judicially between the parties. The rule therefore which has been obtained from the trustees of Lord *Bute* to quash the writ of certiorari must be discharged.

Several objections were then taken to the proceedings of the Commissioners: one, which impeached their jurisdiction, others which turned on the forms of their proceedings. That which impeached their jurisdiction arose upon affidavits, from which it clearly appears that the proposed bridge is not required for the modicum of use and occupation of the lands of Lord *Bute* as now occupied, no mines being worked under them, but for the purpose of bringing coals from a colliery adjoining those lands, called the *Werfa Colliery*, on the other side of them from the canal (which colliery is held by the trustees of Lord *Bute* under a lease, and underlet by them to a Mr. *Nixon*), by a railway to be made across the lands of Lord *Bute*, and the proposed bridge across the canal, and so across the lands to a railway established by act of Parliament called the *Aberdare Railway*, which falls into and forms a junction with another railway, also established by act of Parliament, called the *Taff Vale Railway*, so conveying the coals to *Cardiff* by the railways

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instead of the *Aberdare Canal*. It further appears that the two railways were under the same direction and management; that the chairman of the *Taff Vale Railway*, some of the directors, and several shareholders, were sworn and acted as commissioners upon the occasion in question; and, further, that the owner in fee of *Werfa Farm* and minerals also acted as a Commissioner (a). The Canal Company, therefore, objected that these persons were interested in the question to be determined, and could not legally act as Commissioners, and that their doing so vitiated the proceedings. They ground their objection, not only on the general rule of law, but also on the 70th section of the Canal Act, "that no person shall be capable of acting as a Commissioner in the execution of this Act in any case where he shall be interested or concerned in the matter in question." We think it impossible to deny that the chairman and directors and shareholders of the *Taff Vale Railway Company* were interested and concerned in the question whether a communication should be opened between the *Werfa Colliery* and their railway; especially as it is shewn by the affidavits that much other coal lay in the same neighbourhood. Doubts might well be entertained whether the owner in fee of the *Werfa Colliery* was so interested, since it is not shewn upon what terms the trustees of Lord *Bute* hold their lease. Then, according to the cases of *Regina v. The Cheltenham Commissioners* (b) and *Regina v. The Justices of Hertfordshire* (c), the objection is fatal. We

(a) In one of the affidavits it was stated, on information and belief, that nearly all the persons who acted as Commissioners had been canvassed to attend by or on behalf of the parties interested in the colliery and railways.

(b) 1 Q. B. 467.

(c) 6 Q. B. 753.

do not mean to say that, when so large a body as these Commissioners are appointed by an Act of parliament (a), the accidental intrusion of one interested person would of necessity vitiate the proceedings; but this is a very different case, anything but accidental.

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This being our opinion, we might pass unnoticed the objections as to the proceedings themselves. In truth most of them appear to us to be without weight; but there is one which is not so.

The 71st section provides that no meeting whatsoever of the said Commissioners shall at any time be held for putting in execution any of the powers or authorities vested in them by this Act, unless previous notice shall be given in some newspaper published or circulated within the said counties, or in such other manner as the said Company of proprietors shall direct or appoint, at least sixteen days before such meeting; and that no act, order or proceeding of the said Commissioners, or any of them, in the execution of this act (except in such cases as are hereby otherwise directed) shall be valid unless the same shall be made or done at a meeting to be held in pursuance of this Act. Section 72 provides for the calling of a general meeting of the Commissioners at the request of the Company or of landowners, and directs notice to be given in manner aforesaid. The present case is not within the exception in section 71; and it appears that notice was given, by advertisement dated 27th January 1849, in the *Merthyr Guardian* newspaper of that same day, for

(a) It appeared on affidavit, that, on 12th February, 101 persons took the oath and sat as Commissioners. Coleridge J. observed, during the argument: "If you have a court of almost all the freeholders in the county, how can you help some interest?" Wightman J. said: "The question is, what you call an interest."

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a meeting to be held on the 12th *February*. The expression "at least sixteen days before" is held to mean sixteen days exclusive of the day of notice and the day of meeting; *Regina v. The Justices of Shropshire* (a), and the cases there referred to. Now there were only sixteen such days in this instance; the meeting therefore was not called pursuant to the Act; and the acts done at it were not valid.

To meet this objection, it was proved by a witness that the *Merthyr Guardian* newspaper, though dated on the 27th of *January*, is in truth circulated on the previous day, and, so, that the notice may well have been given on the 26th. But the notice itself is dated the 27th; the newspaper is dated the 27th; and, though it is printed the day before, and many copies may be sent out on the 26th, general publicity cannot fairly be said to be given to anything contained in it till the day of its date and general circulation. On this ground, therefore, as well as the former, we are constrained to say that the rule for quashing these proceedings must be made absolute; and costs must be given on both rules.

Rule absolute to quash proceedings.

Rule to quash certiorari discharged (b).

(a) 8 A. & E. 173.

(b) Reported in part by C. Blackburn, Esq.

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The Duke of RUTLAND *against* WILLIAM BAG- Tuesday,
February 26th.
SHAW and ARTHUR HEATHCOTE HEATHCOTE.

THIS was an action of prohibition, tried before Lord Declaration in
prohibition re-
cited that
plaintiff was
not impropria-
tor or proprie-
Denman C. J., at the Summer assizes, 1848, for
Derbyshire. A verdict having been found for the

tor of the tithes "in the parish of *T.*," and "the said *T.*" had not been, nor was, a parish; and the chancel mentioned in the articles after set forth did not belong to the impropriate rectory in the articles mentioned; and plaintiff had not possession of the chancel. That there was (1) a custom in *T.* that the inhabitants should repair the chancel; (2) also a custom that, when repairs to the chancel had been necessary, the chapel-wardens of the chapelry had ordered and paid for the repairs, and plaintiff had not repaired or paid; (3) also a custom that church or chapel rates for the repairs of the church or chapel of *T.* had been made, collected and expended within *T.* by the chapel-wardens thereof, and the repairs of the chancel paid for out of such rates by the chapel-wardens; (4) also a custom that the chapel-wardens had yearly passed their accounts to the inhabitants of *T.* of the moneys collected and expended by them on account of the church or chapel rates of *T.* It was further recited that such tithes of *T.* as arose to plaintiff had always been collected by a person appointed by the tithe-payers within *T.*, which person had been rated to the church and other rates of *T.*; and the chapel-wardens of *T.* had been paid such rates, or deducted them from the tithes receivable by plaintiff: That plaintiff had agreed with the tithe-payers of *T.* to accept a certain sum in lieu of the tithes of *T.* arising to him, the remainder of such tithes to remain uncollected, and be taken in lieu of all church and other rates due from plaintiff within *T.*; which agreement had for many years been acted upon: That defendants caused a suit to be promoted against plaintiff in the Arches Court of *Canterbury*, wherein they articted (among other things) that he was impropriator of the tithes arising "in the parish of *T.* aforesaid," which were sufficient for the repair of the chancel of the "parish church of *T.*"; that he was in possession of the chancel; that it was dilapidated by his default; and that he had been required by the churchwardens to repair it, but had refused: That to this libel defendant put in a negative issue, denying the allegations of the libel on articles, and also brought in his responsive allegation, which was duly admitted, and did thereby "allege the said several customs and matters in the introductory part of this declaration mentioned, in answer to the said libel on articles, and the said charge therein contained; and did then and there offer to prove the same in due form of law:" Yet defendant threatened to, and would, "prosecute the trial of the said several customs and matters in the introductory part of this declaration mentioned in the said Court Christian," unless writ of prohibition &c.

Defendants pleaded only a traverse of allegation (1) of custom, and a traverse of allegation (3) of custom. On these traverses issues were joined, which were found for defendants.

On motion for judgment non obstante veredicto. Held:

1. That the pleas were not bad for omitting to traverse the allegations (2) and (4) of custom, these being immaterial, or merely incidental to and evidence of the allegations of custom traversed.

2. That the pleas were an insufficient answer, inasmuch as they did not meet the allegation that *T.* was not a parish, which was a fact not triable by the Ecclesiastical Court.

3. That there ought, therefore, to be a repleader, but not a judgment non obstante veredicto, inasmuch as, the plaintiff not having proved the allegations traversed, there was no admission on the record of the allegations not traversed.

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defendants, and a motion made, in the ensuing *Mick-*
mas term, for judgment non obstante veredicto,
Court granted a rule Nisi, ordering that a case should
be stated and set down in the special paper: and the
following case was stated accordingly.

The declaration, after stating that the plaintiff com-
plained of the defendants, who had been summoned to
answer the plaintiff of a plea, wherefore they pro-
secuted him in the Court Christian, proceeded thus:
For that, whereas, before or at the time of the exhib-
iting the libel on articles hereinafter mentioned, the
plaintiff had not been, nor was, impropriator or pro-
prietor of the tithes annually arising or renewing in the
parish of Taddington and the titheable places within
the same; and the said Taddington, in the said article
mentioned, had not been nor was a parish; and the
chancel, in the said articles mentioned, had not, nor
did belong or appertain to the said impropriate rectory
in the said articles mentioned, nor had been, nor was
part or parcel of the said impropriate rectory: the
plaintiff had not been, nor was, by himself, his lessee
or assigns, in possession of the said chancel in the
articles mentioned: nor was the same held, occupied
or enjoyed by the plaintiff, his lessees or assigns.
And whereas also, from time whereof &c., until
time of the exhibiting the said libel on articles, there
has been, and still is, a certain ancient and lawful
custom, used and approved of within the said Taddington
in the said articles mentioned, that is to
say: that the inhabitants of Taddington aforesaid,
from time to time, whenever the same should be requi-
site, repair, or cause to be repaired, at their own
proper cost and charge, the said chancel in the said

cles mentioned; and have, from time to time, at times, from time whereof &c., in fact repaired, or used to be repaired, and still of right ought &c., the chancel, at their own proper cost and charge, whenever any repairs thereof have been or may be requisite: And whereas also, from time whereof &c., until the time of the exhibiting &c., there has been, and still is, *a certain other ancient and laudable custom*, used and approved of within the said *Taddington* in the said articles mentioned, that is to say: that, when and as repairs in and to the said chancel have been necessary, the chapelwardens of the said chapelry have given orders and directions for the doing of such repairs, and have at various times employed or caused to be employed divers workmen and labourers in and about the doing of such repairs; and have, from time to time, paid for the doing of such repairs, and also paid such workmen and labourers for the work and labour in and about the doing of such repairs: And whereas also neither the plaintiff nor any of his ancestors or predecessors, lessees or grantees of any tithes arising within *Taddington* aforesaid, had, nor hath any of them at any time before the exhibiting the said libel on articles, repaired or caused to be repaired the said chancel in the said articles mentioned, or any part thereof, or defrayed the cost of any of the reparations made or done in or to the said chancel: And whereas also, from time whereof &c., until the time of the exhibiting &c., there has been, and still is, *a certain other ancient and laudable custom*, used and approved of within the said *Taddington* in the said articles mentioned, that is to say: that church or chapel rates for the repairs of the said church or chapel of *Taddington*

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ancient and laudable custom, used and approved of in the said *Taddington* in the said articles mentioned, to say: that the chapel-wardens of *Taddington* aforesaid for the time being have, yearly and every year, made up, exhibited and passed their accounts, with to the inhabitants of *Taddington* aforesaid, of the moneys collected and expended by them on account of the church or chapel rates of *Taddington* aforesaid or as such chapel-wardens as aforesaid: And whether also such of the tithes of *Taddington* aforesaid as to plaintiff had always, before and until the exhibiting &c., been collected by a person selected or appointed by the tithe-payers within *Taddington* aforesaid; the same person had always been theretofore liable, or rated, to the church and other rates of *Taddington* aforesaid; and the said rates been always paid to, or deducted from the tithes receivable by plaintiff by, the chapel-wardens of *Taddington* aforesaid, or some person on their behalf: And, some time before the exhibiting &c., plaintiff agreed with the tithe-payers of *Taddington* aforesaid to accept the sum of 70*l.* per annum in lieu of such of the tithes of *Taddington* aforesaid as accrued to him, plaintiff.

of about 15*l.* per annum, should remain uncollected, and be taken in lieu of all church and other dues due from him, plaintiff, within *Taddington* aforesaid; and such agreement had, for many years before until the exhibiting &c., been in force and acted upon: And whereas also defendants, before the commencement of this suit, to wit on 12th *December* 1846, sued a suit in a certain Court Christian, that is to wit in the Arches Court of *Canterbury*, to be promoted against plaintiff; and, in the said suit, caused to be exhibited in the said Court, to wit on the same day or thereabouts, a certain libel on articles against the now plaintiff, in the name of Sir *Herbert Jenner Fust*, Esquire, Doctor of Laws, Official Principal of the Arches Court of *Canterbury*, whereby and wherein the said Official Principal objected, articulated and admitted according to the tenor and effect of the articles following, that is to say:

First: We article and object to you, the said *John Manners*, Duke of *Rutland*, that you do know, see or have heard, that, of common right, and by the laws and constitutions ecclesiastical of this realm of *England*, the rectors and impropriators of rectories, or any part or portion thereof, are bound to sustain and repair the chancel of the parish church of their respective rectories, and to defray all costs, charges and expenses to be incurred in the sustaining, repairing and mending the chancels aforesaid, out of the tithes, profits and emoluments of their respective rectories belonging: and this was and is true, public and notorious: and we do not deny and object everything in this and the subsequent articles contained, jointly and severally.

Second: We article &c., that you were, in the year

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1846, and for some time prior thereto, and are now, impropriator or proprietor of the tithes annually arising or renewing in the parish of *Taddington* aforesaid, and the titheable places within the same, and have received all the advantages, profits and emoluments of the impropriate rectorial or great tithes annually arising, renewing and increasing in the said parish of *Taddington*, within the peculiar jurisdiction of the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral church of *Lichfield*, and the titheable places of the same: and this was &c.: and we article and object as before.

Third: We article &c., that the yearly value or estimation of the impropriate rectorial tithes arising, renewing and increasing within the said parish of *Taddington* and the titheable places of the same, belonging to you, were, and have been during all the time that you have possessed the same, sufficient for the sustaining, upholding, maintaining and repairing the chancel of the said parish church of *Taddington*, and the appurtenances thereof: and this was &c.: and we article &c.

Fourth: We also article &c., that, among other possessions, the chancel of the parish church of the said parish of *Taddington*, particularly mentioned in the presentment hereunto annexed, marked A, which presentment we will to be here read and inserted and taken as part and parcel hereof, did belong and appertain to the said impropriate rectory for time beyond memory of man, and was, and is, and has been, and parcel of the said impropriate rectory, and, for during the time aforesaid, has been commonly counted, reputed and taken so to belong: and this was &c.: and we article &c.

Fifth: We also article &c., that you, by

or lessees or assigns, were, in the said year 1846, and many years prior thereto, and are now, in possession of the said chancel in the said presentment mentioned; the same is now held, enjoyed and occupied by you, or lessees or assigns: and this was &c.: and we agree &c.

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Sixth: Also we article &c., that the chancel of the parish church of *Taddington* aforesaid, in the said presentment mentioned, is very much dilapidated and decayed through the default and neglect of you, the said *J. H. M.*, Duke of *R.*, and continues in a ruinous condition, suffering very great damages, as in the said presentment is mentioned: and we article and object concerning any other damages or dilapidations, and such shall hereafter appear in the proofs to be adduced in the cause: and this was &c.: and we article &c.

Seventh: We also article &c., that you have been seen, or at least once, by and on behalf of the said *William Bagshaw* and *Arthur Heathcote Heathcote*, the churchwardens aforesaid, asked and required to repair, the cause to be repaired, the damages and dilapidations aforesaid, as contained in the said presentment, in the chancel of the said parish church of *Taddington*: but you have refused, and still do refuse, or at least have delayed, and do still delay, to repair the same: and this was &c.: and we article &c.

Eighth: We also article &c., that you now are, or ought to be, by us and our authority compelled to the satisfaction of the aforesaid damages and dilapidations: and this was &c.: and we article &c.

Ninth: We also article &c., that the said *W. Bagshaw* and *A. H. Heathcote*, the churchwardens aforesaid, have rightly and duly complained of all and

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singular the premises: and that, by reason of the premises, and the letters of request presented to and accepted by us in this cause, you were and are subject to the jurisdiction of this Court: and this was &c.: and we article &c.

Tenth: We also article &c., that all and singular the premises were and are true, public and notorious, and thereof there was and is a public voice, fame and report; of which legal proof being made, we will that right and justice be effectually done and administered therein; and that you, the said *J. H. M.*, D. of *R.*, by canonical censures monished to repair the damage and dilapidations aforesaid in the chancel of the parish church of *Taddington* aforesaid, and be condemned in all the lawful costs made and to be made in this cause on the part and behalf of the said *W. Bagshaw* and *A. H. H.*, by us or our definitive sentence or final decree to be made and interposed in this behalf.

And whereas the said Duke afterwards, to wit on the same day and year, duly appeared in the said Court Christian to answer the said libel on articles, and the said charge therein contained; and did afterwards, to wit on &c., put in and plead in the said Court Christian a negative issue to the said libel on articles, thereby denying the allegations of the said libel on articles, and did afterwards, to wit on &c., bring into the said Court Christian his responsive allegation to the same libel on articles; which same responsive allegation was, to wit on &c., duly admitted; and did thereby and then, among other things, allege the said several customs and matters in the introductory part of this declaration mentioned, in answer to the said libel on articles, and the said charge therein contained; and did then and there offer to prove the same in due form of law; nevertheless defendants,

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I knowing the premises, but contriving to aggrieve
ntiff, and to withdraw the cognizance and trial of
several customs and matters in the introductory
t of this declaration mentioned, which to our Lady
Queen and not to the Court Christian or any of
m belongs, to another examination in the said
rt Christian, threaten the plaintiff to prosecute, and
about to and will prosecute, the trial of the said
ral customs and matters in the introductory part of
declaration mentioned in the said Court Christian,
ss writ of prohibition &c. be directed to the said
cial Principal &c.: therefore plaintiff says that he
amnified &c., and prays that a writ of prohibition
be awarded and issued against the said Official
ncipal &c.

The defendants' pleas were as follows:

The defendants, by &c., say: That there has not
e, from time &c. until the time of exhibiting the said
l on articles, nor is there, the said certain ancient and
able custom, used and approved of within the said
Edington, that is to say, that the inhabitants of *Tad-*
ton aforesaid from time to time, whenever the
e should be requisite, should repair or cause to be
ired, at their own proper costs and charge, the said
ancel in the said articles mentioned, and have from
e to time, at all times whereof &c., in fact repaired,
caused to be repaired, and still of right ought &c., the
l chancel, at their own proper cost and charge, when-
r any repairs thereof have been or may be requisite,
manner and form as in the declaration is alleged:
l of this &c.: conclusion to the country. And they
y judgment and that a writ of prohibition may not
ie. And, for a further plea, defendants say that

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there has not been, for time &c. until the time of exhibiting &c., nor is there, the said certain ancient and laudable custom, used and approved of within the said *Taddington*, that is to say, that all the costs and expenses of the repairs of the said chancel have been at all times provided for and paid out of the said rates, in manner &c.: conclusion to the country &c. (as before)

To these pleas the similiter was added.

The question for the opinion of the Court was, Whether judgment non obstante veredicto should be given for the plaintiff or not. If it was, the rule obtained was to be made absolute; if not, it was to be discharged with the same effect, in all respects, as if the rule had been argued and decided in the new trial paper.

The case was argued in last *Easter* term (a).

Cowling, for the plaintiff in prohibition. By the first and second articles of the libel the suit in the Arches Court rests upon the alleged fact that *Taddington* is a parish of which the plaintiff is impropriator. The declaration denies that the plaintiff is such rector, and that *Taddington* is a parish at all. These denials are left untraversed by the plea. It further appears, by the declaration, that both these denials were contained in the responsive allegation to the articles, and the responsive allegation was admitted in the Arches Court, which means that it was not demurred to, but that the parties were put to their proofs. There is therefore a question of fact raised on the parochiality at that stage; and a prohibition must go, if the parochiality cannot be tried in the Ecclesiastical

(a) May 9th, 1849. Before *Patteson*, *Coleridge* and *Wightman* J. *Coleridge* J. left the Court during the reply.

Court; *Byerley v. Windus* (a), where the practice is explained in the judgment. Now the Ecclesiastical Court cannot try the question of fact whether *Taddington* be a parish or not: the bounds of a parish are matter of prescription (in default of statutable definition, which is not shewn on this record); and the whole question is one of immemorial usage. [*Coleridge* J. I think parishes have been sometimes erected by the ordinance of the bishop. Are you entitled to assume that the same rule applies to the question whether a place is a parish at all, and the question what the boundaries are of a place known to be a parish?] The one question must involve the other: it is impossible to shew that a place is a parish, without shewing what the place is, that is, what are the parochial boundaries. If a bishop created a parish (which cannot have been done within the time of legal memory), he must have defined the boundaries of the parish so created. That the Spiritual Court cannot try the question of bounds of a parish appears from 17 *Vin. Abr.* 581. tit. *Prohibition* (L), pl. 1, 2, 4, 5.; and placita, 2, 3, 5, in that section shew also that there is the same incapacity to try the question of parish or no parish. A similar objection was held to support a prohibition in *Dolby v. Remington* (b); and the plea to the declaration in prohibition was held bad on demurrer for leaving unnoticed the allegations which shewed that the parties were at issue upon the question whether *F.* was a distinct parish from *L.* Here, also, of four customs alleged in the declaration, the plea denies only two: it therefore appears on the record that the Spiritual Court will try two customs, if not prohi-

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(a) 5 B. & C. 1. 23.

(b) 9 Q. B. 179.

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bited. [*Wightman J.* I do not see how you are to have judgment non obstante veredicto upon the finding on the traverse. There must be a confession for that.] In *Couling v. Coxe* (a) the defendant took an immaterial traverse which was found for him; and it was held that the plaintiff was entitled to judgment non obstante veredicto, and that he was not limited to a repleader: and the same rule was acted upon in *Crossfield v. Morrison* (b). [*Willes*, for the defendant.] In those cases there were other material issues which were found for the plaintiffs. *Patteson J.* It appears from *Plummer v. Lee* (c) that, where there is no confession in any part of the record, there cannot be judgment non obstante veredicto: and that is consistent with *Goodburne v. Bowman* (d).] The plaintiff would be entitled to a repleader at any rate. The rule for judgment non obstante veredicto may be remoulded, if necessary; *Fillieul v. Armstrong* (e). But, if the plea be such that there must have been judgment for the plaintiff on general demurrer, he is entitled to judgment non obstante veredicto. That the issues are found for the defendants cannot put the plaintiff in worse position than he would be placed in by the admission he would have made by demurring. *Down v. Hatcher* (g) there was but one plea; and that the issue was found for the defendants: but, because it offered a defence which did not meet the whole claim, the plaintiff had judgment non obstante veredicto. Here the case is the stronger, because the allegations are distinct. [*Wightman J.* Can you have judgment for the part which is unanswered?]

(a) 6 Com. B. 703.

(c) 2 M. & W. 495.

(e) 7 A. & E. 557.

(b) 7 Com. B.

(d) 9 Bing. 5

(g) 10 A. & E.

not be done, because the plea does profess to answer all, though it fails to do so legally. *Negelen v. Bell* (a) supports *Couling v. Coxe* (b) and *Crossfield v. Torrison* (c), and expressly overrules *Plummer v. Atkinson* (d). [Wightman J. In *Atkinson v. Davies* (e) it was said by the Court: "The opinion of all the judges in the case of *Gwynne v. Burnell* (g), that judgment notwithstanding verdict can be awarded on a pleading by the defendant in confession and avoidance only, and on the implied confession in a rejoinder of the part replication which it does not answer, seems to lead to the conclusion that the judgment for the plaintiffs should not be arrested, on the ground that the traverse part of a plea contains an implied confession of the residue. The proper course seems in both cases to be to award a replender." It is said in *Gilbert's Hist. Com.* 157: "If a man justifies to the whole, and his answer goes but to part, the plea is bad, because being pleaded as to the whole, and going but to part, and being an insufficient answer to the whole, consequently the plaintiff must have judgment; and if the plaintiff takes such plea does not demur, but takes issue, since he takes issue on a bad bar, whether the issue be found for the plaintiff or defendant, the judgment shall be for the plaintiff, because the bar is insufficient; for though the issue should be found for the defendant, yet that does not amend the bar, and make that go to the whole, but it goes to part only; and therefore here the issue

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(a) 7 M. & W. 612.

(b) 6 Com. B. 703.

(c) 7 Com. B. 286.

(d) 2 M. & W. 495.

(e) 11 M. & W. 236. 242.

(g) 6 New Ca. 453. in *Dom. Proc.*, reversing the judgment of Exch. in *Gwynne v. Burnell*, 2 New Ca. 7.; which had affirmed the judgment of Com. P. in *Collins v. Gwynne*, 9 Bing. 544.

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is material." [Wightman J. That is the case of a justification, which expressly confesses all the complaint though it suggests an answer to part only.] The principle cannot be confined to a justification. The law on this point is discussed in notes (6), (f), (g), (h) to *Bennet v. Holbech* (a); and the leading case is *Stap. v. Heydon* (b), where it is said that "a repleader is to be awarded when such an issue is joined, as the Court after trial thereof cannot give a judgment, as being impertinent or uncertain, and not determining right." But here an answer is given which is, uncertain or indecisive, but insufficient. It will be said that in *Negelen v. Mitchell* (c), and other cases in which judgment non obstante veredicto was given upon an immaterial plea found for defendants, there were other pleas on the record. But those could not supply the want of a confession in the immaterial plea; each plea must be taken by itself. *Negelen v. Mitchell* (c) is therefore an authority shewing that there may be judgment non obstante veredicto without any confession on the record beyond that which is implied from the allegation being left unanswered. [Wightman J. The material facts were there all found for the plaintiff; he could not be prevented from having judgment by the addition of an immaterial plea. Patteson J. In note (h) to *Bennet v. Holbech* (d) it is said: "It should be observed that in order to found the judgment on a confession, by the defendant's pleading, of the cause of action, such pleading must be in confession and avoid-

(a) 2 Wms. Saund. 319 c, d. (6th ed.).

(b) 6 Mod. 1. 2.; S. C. 1 Salk. 173. 216.; 2 Salk. 579.; 3 Salk. 121.; Holt. 217.; 1 Ld. Raym. 707.; 2 Ld. Raym. 922.

(c) 7 M. & W. 612.

(d) 2 Wms. Saund. 319 e. (6th ed.).

ance; for though, if a defendant traverses one of several traversable allegations in a declaration or replication, he admits, for some purposes" "those which he does not traverse, yet he does not confess them in a sense which is required to found a judgment non obstante veredicto;" "or to be a ground for arresting judgment for the plaintiff." That is followed up in *Couling v. Coxe* (a) and *Crossfield v. Morrison* (b), where judgment proceeds on the ground that upon other pleas there was a finding for the plaintiff.] That was not the exclusive ground of these judgments: in *Couling v. Coxe* (c) *Wilde* C. J. calls the plea "a conditional admission."

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Willes, contra. Two objections of substance are made to the pleas. First, that certain customs are left untraversed, the declaration alleging four, and two only being noticed in the pleas. Now, if the declaration be not repugnant, the whole must be taken as shewing a single custom: and then it is enough for the defendants in prohibition to traverse any material part of such entire custom. Each of the two pleas traverses one such part: if those parts fail, what is untraversed is of no importance. One plea denies that the inhabitants repaired the chancel by custom: the other, that the costs are customarily paid out of the rates. Assuming these denials to be founded in fact, the other alleged customs, or parts of the integral custom, namely, that the chapel-wardens had in fact paid for repairs, and that the chapel-wardens had annually accounted to the inhabitants for the moneys laid out from the rates,

(a) 6 Com. B. 703.

(b) 7 Com. B. 286.

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amount, at the utmost, to no more respecting the truth of that which is traversed, for the inhibition which is traversed, for the inhibition in the chancel, might legally exist, there *Bishop of Ely v. Gibbons* (a). Second that the defendants have not traversed that *Taddington* is not a parish. But which the Ecclesiastical Court might have granted prohibition for incapacity to try is for differences which exist, in some cases, proof, between the civil and ecclesiastical custom is such a case; freehold is to be found in 18 *Vin. Abr.* 16 *tion* (U), pl. 4, 17, 18.; but where there is no difference, and the matter is merely in question, properly commenced in the Ecclesiastical Court, it may be tried there; *Ib.* pl. 16, 26.; C. Thus, if proceedings be taken for a writ of prohibition, on account of an offence against the criminal law, the Ecclesiastical Court cannot question of crime, whether the crime be a misdemeanour; *Waddilove's Digest*, 1. v. *Hodson* (c). *Nash v. Nash* (d) and *don* (e) are also cited there as to the question which are matter of criminal charge, and not civil suit. [Coleridge J. What do you say to this principal matter here?] The liability to repair the chancel: the question whether or no parish is merely incidental to the question of the only way in which it is sought to

(a) 4 *Hag. Eccl. R.* 156.

(c) *Burder v. —*, 3 *Curt. Ecc. C.* 822., in which prohibition was discharged by the Court of Q. B.

(d) 1 *Hag. Con. Ca.* 140.

question to be without the jurisdiction of the Ecclesiastical Court is by arguing that it involves, incidentally, the question as to the bounds of the alleged parish. Even the objection to trying the boundaries as a principal question applies only to what are strictly parishes: the boundaries of a vill within a parish may be tried in the Ecclesiastical Court; *Petler v. Yalaman* (a). The explanation of the distinction is probably no more than this; that the Courts, in the time of *Charles* 2nd, were unwilling to extend the doctrine of prohibition, though they did not feel warranted in disregarding what had been positively decided in times more adverse to the jurisdiction of the Spiritual Court. A parish may be created by act of parliament, in which case no custom would come in question. The declaration does not suggest that any question arose whether a particular place is or is not within *Taddington*. It may be questioned also whether, in the present case, it does sufficiently appear to this Court that the question whether *Taddington* is or is not a parish is raised in the Spiritual Court. In *Byerley v. Windus* (b) the declaration in prohibition set out the personal answer. In *Dolby v. Remington* (c), also, the declaration set out the personal answer, which contained a direct denial of the fact said not to be triable in the Spiritual Court. Here the declaration first recites that the plaintiff in prohibition is not impropriator of the tithes "in the parish of *Taddington*," and that "the said *Taddington*" is not a parish. That is a somewhat equivocal mode of averment: it is not even said that there may not be a parish of another name in which

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(a) 1 *Lev.* 78.

(c) 9 *Q. B.* 179

(b) 5 *B. & C.* 1.

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As to the question of form: there can be no judgment non obstante verdicto unless there is a confession, either on the plea said to be insufficient, or (as in *Bowman* (a)) on some other plea. In *Dolby v. Remington* (b) the question arose on demurrer: the case therefore is inapplicable as to this point.

Cowling, in reply. The argument that there is but one custom would shew that the defendant has traversed more than he is entitled to traverse. But there are four customs: whether they are repugnant or not immaterial, if the Spiritual Court is proceeding to try any. The first and second are very different customs.

(a) 9 Bing. 532.

(b) 9 Q. B. 179.

and would be established by different proofs. As to the question of parochiality, it is argued that this may perhaps be shewn by some proof not resting on immemorial custom. But it is sufficient ground for prohibition that immemorial custom may come in evidence on such a question; at any rate in the absence of something to shew that it will not. The authorities already cited shew that the inability to try a question of boundary carries with it an inability to try a question of parish or no parish.

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PATTESON J. now delivered the judgment of the Court.

The plaintiff in this case declared in prohibition of a suit in the Court Christian by the defendants, as churchwardens of the parish of *Taddington* in the county of *Derby*, against the plaintiff, as impropriator of the tithes of the parish, for non-repair of the chancel of the parish church.

The plaintiff, amongst other matters, alleged in his declaration that there was a custom that the inhabitants of *Taddington* should repair the chancel, and also another custom that the cost of such repair should be paid out of a rate made for that purpose by the churchwardens of *Taddington*. The defendants, by their plea, traversed each of these customs, and upon the trial obtained a verdict upon both their traverses.

The plaintiff moved for judgment non obstante verdicto, on the ground that, independently of the allegations of custom which had been traversed, there was matter unanswered in the declaration sufficient to entitle him to a prohibition. This was denied by the

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defendants. And it was further contended that, the pleas being traverses only, there could not be judgment non obstante veredicto, but merely a repleader.

Besides the matters traversed, the declaration alleged that the plaintiff was not impropriator of the tithe *that Taddington was not a parish*; that the chancel did not belong to the impropriate rectory: that there was a custom that, when the chancel wanted repair, the chapel-wardens of *Taddington* ordered and paid for the repairs of it: that neither the plaintiff nor his predecessors ever repaired the chancel: that there was a custom that the chapel-wardens of *Taddington* accounted to the inhabitants for the money collected and expended by them on account of chapel rates, or as chapel-wardens that church rates had always been paid in respect of the tithe of *Taddington*: and that the plaintiff had agreed to accept 70*l.* for his tithe, and leave the residue amounting to about 15*l.*, to be taken in lieu of church and other rates: and that the Court Christian was proceeding to try and determine such matters, in derogation of the courts of common law.

The question is, whether any of the matters so alleged, and not traversed, in the pleadings in prohibition were such as could not properly be tried in the Ecclesiastical Court.

It was contended for the plaintiff that the two customs, one that the chapel-wardens of *Taddington* ordered and paid for the repairs of the church of *Taddington*, and the other that the chapel-wardens of *Taddington* accounted to the inhabitants for the money collected and expended by them on account of chapel rates, or as chapel-wardens, were triable only in the temporal courts; and that, as they were not traversed

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the defendants in their plea to the declaration, the plaintiff was entitled to a prohibition on that ground.

The Court Christian undoubtedly cannot try a custom, but there is no ground for a prohibition if the custom be wholly immaterial to the question to be determined, so that it is perfectly indifferent which way it is found. In the present case it appears to us that the two customs which the defendants have not traversed are in effect merely incidental to, and evidence in support of, the customs which were traversed; that they are immaterial and irrelevant to the question to be decided. The liability of the plaintiff to repair the chapel would not be avoided by a custom, when repairs were wanted, the chapel-wardens ordered and paid for them, or by another custom that the chapel-wardens accounted to the inhabitants for the money collected and expended by them on account of chapel rates, even if these customs were found for the plaintiff, as it is not alleged that the repairs were paid out of the chapel rates, or that they were done at the cost of the inhabitants: and, it having been found by the jury that there was no custom for the inhabitants to repair, or for the repairs to be paid for out of chapel rates, we are therefore of opinion that the plaintiff's motion to traverse those customs, and leaving them to be dealt with by the Spiritual Court, affords no ground for a prohibition.

It was also contended that the plaintiff was entitled to a prohibition on the ground that the question, whether *Taddington* was or was not a parish, was raised and left for trial in the Spiritual Court; and that it ought to be tried by the common law.

Upon the argument, it was hardly disputed for the

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defendants, and indeed it seems to be settled law, that the boundaries of parishes are to be tried in the temporal and not in the spiritual Courts; *Dolby v. Remington* (a), *Brown v. Palfry* (b), *Petler v. Yalman* (c) and the cases cited upon the argument from 17 V. Abr. 581. tit. *Prohibition* (L): and, if that be so, it is difficult to distinguish between the question of parish or no parish, and the boundaries of a parish. The reason assigned by Lord Hale, in *Brown v. Palfry* (b), for taking a question of the boundary of a parish from the Ecclesiastical Court, is, that it depends upon prescription; which would be equally applicable to the question of parish or no parish. It is said in 2 Ro. Ab. 291 (d) that, if it be a question in the Ecclesiastical Court, whether a church be a parish church or a chapel of ease, a prohibition lies. We therefore think that in the present case the question whether *Taddington* was a parish was not properly triable in the Ecclesiastical Court. The plea to the declaration in prohibition leaves the allegation that *Taddington* was not a parish wholly unanswered; and the allegations in the libel by which it is sought to charge the plaintiff are such as to make that a material question; and the plaintiff is entitled to judgment non obstante veredicto unless the omission to take issue upon that allegation in the declaration is a ground for a repleader only.

The defendants, by their plea, have only traversed two of the allegations in the declaration, leaving wholly unanswered an allegation which we think would entitle the plaintiff to a prohibition. The issues found for the defendants, therefore, constitute no sufficient answer to

(a) 9 Q. B. 179. 196.

(c) 1 Lev. 78.

(b) 3 Keb. 286.

(d) Tit. *Prohibition*, (L) pl. 3.

the declaration, and are in that respect immaterial; and, being traverses merely, contain no admission of the allegations not traversed, except, as is expressed in the judgment of the Court of Common Pleas in *Couling v. Coxe* (a), "a conditional admission, that is, as admitting the allegation not traversed, *in case the plaintiff can prove the allegation traversed.*" In the present case, the plaintiff did *not* prove the allegations traversed: and we therefore think that there is no such admission by the defendants of the matters alleged in the declaration as will entitle the plaintiff to judgment non obstante veredicto. And therefore there must be a repleader.

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(a) 6 Com. B. 703. 721.

ELIZABETH RUSSELL, Executrix &c. of THOMAS RUSSELL, Clerk, *against* Sir THOMAS PHILIPS, Baronet.

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ASSUMPSIT. The first count alleged that one *Thorpe*, on 28th November 1836, in the lifetime of *T. Russell*, made his bill of exchange, directed to defendant, and thereby required defendant to pay to his (*Thorpe's*) order 500*l.*, forty two months after the date thereof: that defendant then "accepted the said bill, payable on the 28th day of November 1844, without interest:" and that *Thorpe*, in the lifetime of

A bill of exchange, drawn 28th November 1836, payable forty two months after date, was accepted thus: "Accepted on the condition of its being renewed until November 28th, 1844, without interest, payable by me at

Messrs. Williams and Deacon's, bankers, London."

Held, in an action by indorsee against acceptor, that this was a good acceptance, and that the bill was properly declared on as accepted payable on 28th November 1844.

An acceptance of a bill of exchange must be to pay in money; and an acceptance to pay by another bill is no acceptance.

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T. Russell, indorsed to *T. Russell*. There were other counts on three other bills respectively for the same amount, accepted by the defendant indorsed to *T. Russell*: and a count (which became material) on an account stated.

1st. Plea to the first count. That the said acceptance of the said bill was a certain writing written across the said bill on the face thereof signed by the defendant, which said writing follows: "Accepted on condition of its being renewed until *November 28th*, 1844, without interest, by me at Messrs. *Williams & Deacon's*, Bankers, *London*. *Thomas Phillips*." That the said bill was not, nor was the acceptance thereof, renewed until the 28th day of *November* 1844, or at all; nor was it ever presented to defendant for acceptance by such renewal as aforesaid; without this, that defendant accepted the said bill payable on the 28th day of *November* 1844, modo et formâ. There were no other pleas as to the acceptances alleged in the other counts. Issues were joined on these pleas.

The cause was tried, before *Wilde C. J.*, at the Spring Assizes, 1847, when a verdict was found for the plaintiff for the damages in the declaration, according to the opinion of this Court upon a special case. The Court had the power of amending the declaration, if necessary, and if the Court should think proper to do so, a judge at Nisi Prius would have.

The case set out several letters with reference to the account stated; and it also set out the bills and acceptances mentioned in the declaration. It is sufficient to give the form of the bill and accep

mentioned in the first count, as the question was the same as to all the acceptances. Queen's Bench.
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“ 500L *London, November 28th, 1836.*

Forty two months after date pay to my order five hundred pounds for value received. *Thos. Thorpe.*”

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The bill was directed to the defendant, who had written across the face of the bill as follows: —

“ Accepted on the condition of its being renewed until Nov. 28th, 1844, without interest, payable by me at Messrs. *Williams and Deacon's*, Bankers, *London*.

Thomas Phillips.”

It was agreed that the record and pleadings should be taken as part of the case. Either party was to be at liberty to apply to the Court to turn the special case into a special verdict: the Court to be at liberty to draw any inference from the facts set forth which a jury might draw.

If this Court, or a Court of error (on special verdict), should be of opinion on the above statement that the plaintiff was entitled to recover, upon the record in its present form or in any other form to which the Court might order it to be amended, the whole or any part of the amount claimed, then the verdict was to stand and the damages to be reduced accordingly. If this Court, or such Court of error, should be of opinion that the plaintiff was not entitled to recover any portion of the amount claimed on the record as it then stood, or as it might be amended, the plaintiff was to be at liberty, at any time after judgment given, to elect to be nonsuited, and to have a nonsuit entered accordingly;

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otherwise the present verdict to be set aside and
verdict entered for the defendant.

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Fortescue, for the plaintiff. The defendant must
tend, either that the alleged acceptance is no acceptance
or that it is incorrectly described in the declaration.
An acceptance is good although conditional or qualified
or varying from the tenor of the bill. "An acceptance
is also either absolute or conditional, and either ac-
cording to, or varying from the tenor of the bill;"
Bayley on Bills, 177 (b). In *Walker v. Atwood* (c) a bill
was drawn on the 8th *April* upon the defendant, who
accepted it payable on a subsequent day. The de-
fendant demurred, on the ground that, as no time was
prescribed by the drawer for payment, the bill was pay-
able at sight; but the Court held this a good accept-
ance within the custom of merchants. In *Petit v.*
Benson (d) the defendant accepted the bill "to be paid
half in money and half in bills:" the question was
whether there could be a qualification of an acceptance,
and it was proved by divers merchants that there might,
for that, as the drawee might refuse to accept at all, or
he might accept in part. Of course the drawer may
reject a qualified acceptance; or he may adopt it by
suing upon it. What then is the effect of the qualified
acceptance in this case? The words, "on condition
of its being renewed until *November* 28th, 1844,"
mean, on condition of the time for payment of the

(a) *November* 27th, before Lord *Denman* C. J., *Coleridge* and *Wight-
man* Js. And on the 28th, before the same Judges and *Patteson* J.

(b) 6th ed.

(c) 11 *Mod.* 190.

(d) *Comberb.* 452.

same bill being extended to that time, and not, on condition of a fresh bill being taken in renewal. If a second bill were taken in renewal, it would not be a satisfaction of the first bill; it would be merely a suspension of the time of payment; *Kendrick v. Lomax* (a). There could be no object in giving a renewed bill, if the time for payment of the bill were extended. The construction, that a second bill was to be given, would defeat the intention; for upon that construction, if no second bill were given, the first would be payable, and with damages for interest, which by the agreement is not to be payable. This construction would also put it in the defendant's power to determine whether the original acceptance should be nullified or not, since the initiative in the renewal of the bill would fall on him; *Gibbon v. Scott* (b); and he might turn round on the holder and say, "this is no acceptance, for I will not apply to renew." The plaintiff's construction, on the other hand, sets up the acceptance as a good acceptance within the custom of merchants, gives a meaning to the contract, and secures the object of it, and renders the intervention of a second bill unnecessary. In this sense, the bill being payable at the enlarged time, the acceptance is rightly declared on.

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Pashley, contra. The acceptor of a bill of exchange may annex any condition he likes to his acceptance; and the holder may either adopt or reject such conditional acceptance. The acceptance in this case, "on condition of its being renewed," means that which the words would convey to any man of business, on con-

(a) 2 Cr. & J. 405.; S.C. 2 Tyr. 438.

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dition that the bill shall be renewed by the taking of another bill in substitution of the first on its maturity.

The acceptance, therefore, is really no acceptance; for "the condition for a renewal entirely contradicts the instrument;" per Lord Ellenborough in *Hoare v. Graham* (a). [Patteson J. According to that view of the subject, no action could possibly be brought on this acceptance: yet it must have been intended for a contract, and that there should be a remedy on it.] It is just as if the acceptance had been to pay by bills; here a special action would lie for not accepting the fresh bill. [Patteson J. If the defendant refused to give the renewed bill, when would the present bill become due?] This bill would never be due in money; the defendant would be liable for his refusal to give the renewed bill. If a second bill were given, that would be a satisfaction and extinguishment of the former bill.

Kearslake v. Morgan (b), *Sard v. Rhodes* (c), *Sibbald v. Tripp* (d). The very term "renewal" implies extinguishment of the former bill. The modern authorities are against the doctrine of "suspension; v. *Beech* (e). The authorities also shew that bills or notes; *Hartley v. Wilkinson* (g), *Percival* (h), *Davies v. Wilkinson* (i).

Fortescue, in reply. This is a good account of a bill payable at the enlarged time. The

(a) 3 Campb. 57.

(c) 1 M. & W. 153.; S. C. Tyr. & G. 298.

(e) 11 Q. B. 852. In Exchequer Ch., reversing *J. Ford v. Beech*, 11 Q. B. 842. See *Henderson v. St.*

(g) 4 Campb. 127.

(i) 10 A. & E. 28.

reject words which militate against the obvious tenor and purpose of the instrument; *Simpson v. Vaughan* (a), *Shuttleworth v. Stephens* (b), *Allan v. Mawson* (c).
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The Court afterwards directed a second argument, which was heard in this vacation, *February* 10th (d).

Cowling, for the plaintiff, contended that the acceptance was absolute for payment in money; and that an undertaking for payment in any other mode would be contrary to the original design of bills of exchange, which was that they should, for the purposes of commerce, represent coin, and be at once exchangeable into it when occasion required; hence it was assumed in *Petit v. Benson* (e) that an acceptance, to pay half in bills, was, pro tanto, a refusal to accept. The defendant's construction, therefore, renders the acceptance void; and that which would make it operative should be preferred; *Roe dem. Wilkinson v. Tranmarr* (g), *Edis v. Bury* (h), *Gibson v. Minet* (i). A drawee may, consistently with custom, accept to pay at a different time from that specified in the bill; *Wegersloff v. Keene* (k), argument of Sir J. Strange; and that is the construction to be put upon the present acceptance. The consequence of such a deferred acceptance is considered in *Beawes, Lex Merc.* 594. s. 221 (6th ed., by *Chitty*). The words "being renewed" do not here imply the giving of a different bill. "Renew" is not invariably

(a) 2 Atk. 31. 32.

(b) 1 Campb. 407.

(c) 4 Campb. 115.

(d) Before Lord Denman C. J., Patteson, Coleridge and Wightman Js.

(e) Comberb. 452.

(g) Willes, 682. 684.

(h) 6 B. & C. 433.

(i) 1 H. Bl. 569.

(k) 1 Str. 214. 221.

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a technical term having that effect; and the provision here, "without interest," implies that the bill continues the same. A technical renewal was no more necessary here than an actual transfer in *Doe dem. Player Nicholls* (a). The acceptance makes the bill payable at the house of bankers, who would not give another bill, but would discharge this bill by payment of money placed with them to the account of the acceptor. If an actual renewal was meant, material stipulations are wanting: it is not provided that the drawer shall not indorse the bill away: nor does it appear by the acceptance who is to draw the new bill, or at what precise time it is to be payable.

Pashley, contra. First. This is a good acceptance to pay by giving another bill of exchange in renewal. *Petit v. Benson* (b) is the only authority against the validity of such an acceptance. "As an acceptance may vary from the tenor of the order, by introducing a condition, so it may vary from it as to the sum, time, place, or mode of payment;" *Smith's Mercantile Law*, 217 (c). A payment by bill instead of money is only a variation as to the mode of payment. The "renewal" of the bill, however, would be an extinguishment of the claim upon it. "*Novatio est innovatio et transmutatio veteris debiti in aliam obligationem, per quam prior obligatio tollitur*;" *Brissonius de Verborum Significatione*, 918. But the declaration is insufficient; for it does not shew performance of the condition, and entirely misdescribes the contract. The word "accepted" is not to be taken by itself; if the

(a) 1 B. & C. 336.

(b) *Combert*. 452.

(c) 4th ed.

whole writing be read together, it will appear that it is no absolute engagement to pay in money or at the time alleged. The maxim “*verba fortius accipiuntur contra proferentem*” does not apply to contracts. The condition cannot be rejected as repugnant; for it qualifies only, and does not destroy the acceptance; though by the law of *France* a conditional acceptance is void; *Code de Commerce*, art. 124. If, however, the meaning cannot be ascertained, this is no acceptance.

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Cowling replied.

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PATTESON J., in this vacation (*February* 11th), delivered the judgment of the Court.

The first bill in this case is drawn by *Thomas Thorpe* on the defendant, and is dated 28th *November* 1836, and requires the defendant, forty two months after date, to pay to the order of *Thorpe* 500*l.* The defendant professes to accept it in these words: “Accepted on the condition of its being renewed until *November* 28th, 1844, without interest, payable by me at Messrs. *Williams* and *Deacon's*, Bankers, *London.*” The plaintiff is indorsee of the drawer, and declares upon it as a bill drawn payable in 1840 (forty two months after date), but *accepted* payable on the 28th *November* 1844. The question is, whether the plaintiff is entitled so to construe the acceptance. The defendant contends that the true construction is, that he accepted the bill to be paid at the end of forty two months by his then accepting another bill to be drawn on him payable on the 28th *November* 1844. Now private written agreements must, so far as positive

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rules of law will permit, be apparent intention of the party to the instrument itself. In the action of the defendant on the bill that he should not be called upon until the 28th *November* 1840; but it was competent to extend the time of payment to the holder to take such acceptance, or to treat the bill as accepted. The plaintiff, on acceptance and agreed to treat the acceptance as a new bill, not as throwing upon him the burden of procuring a new bill and extending the time for forty-two months. Whether the acceptance, if he agreed to the question; but whether it. Now, in so treating it as apparent intention of the defendant of time of payment was the question was wholly immaterial whether effected by such construction as taking a new acceptance from the two months. It does not import the defendant's mouth to object to the plaintiff on the acceptance, if of such construction. Now, the construction, unless the words imports that some new and a bill be drawn and accepted. It has no legal or technical sig-

ommon parlance it *might* appear, *primâ facie*, to apply to something new, yet there is nothing forced or absurd in giving it a different meaning; especially when we consider that, if this writing of the defendant on the bill be held necessarily and restrictively to mean that he will pay the bill at the end of forty two months by then giving another acceptance payable on the 28th *November* 1844, and is capable of no other meaning, it would appear by the authorities that it is no acceptance at all, since an acceptance must be to pay in money: and, as we cannot suppose, nor can the defendant be heard to say, that he meant it to be void and to be no acceptance at all, we feel that we shall be carrying into effect the real intention of the parties “*ut res magis valeat quam pereat*” by holding that the word “renewed” means “extended;” that the defendant meant nothing more than extension of time by the expressions he used: and then the plaintiff is at liberty, whether he was bound to do so or not, to treat the acceptance as he has done in his declaration, as an acceptance of the bill itself, making it payable at an extended time. Possibly an indorsee might have been at liberty to treat the acceptance, as between him and the acceptor, as a general acceptance to pay at the end of forty two months, and to treat the condition as binding only on the drawer, and making it incumbent on him, the drawer, to provide for the bill at the end of forty two months, and on the defendant then to give him another acceptance payable on the 28th *November* 1844: but there are great difficulties in coming to the conclusion that the indorsee could have so done; and for the reasons above stated we think he was not bound so to do.

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The other bills are precisely similar, except as to the precise day of payment.

Judgment for plaintiff (—).

(a) Reported by H. Davison, Esq.

Application was made to have the case turned into a special verdict: but, on February 26th, in this vacation, Patteson J. said that the Court did not see reason to grant this, the point being too clear, and the question turning merely on a technical form.

Tuesday,
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The QUEEN, on the Prosecution of the LLANELLY Railway and Dock Company, against The SOUTH WALES Railway Company.

The South Wales Railway Company, having power to take and purchase lands and to construct a railway according to the plans and books of reference de-

MANDAMUS. The writ recited that by stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. cxc. (Local and personal, public), intituled "An Act for making a railway to be called 'The South Wales Railway,'" certain persons were constituted a Company for making the said railway, branch railway &c., with powers (a) to purchase and

deposited under their act, gave notice to The Llanelly Railway & Dock Company that they (The South Wales Railway Company) required to purchase a small piece of land, on part of which The Llanelly Railway was actually constructed, such piece of land being set out in the said plans and books of reference, as part of the proposed line of The South Wales Railway: but they afterwards refused to issue their warrant to the sheriff to assess the amount of purchase money, on the ground that The Llanelly Railway & Dock Company had no power under their act to sell any portion of land on which their railway was constructed.

Held, on mandamus to The South Wales Railway Company to issue their warrant, that as there was no express clause in any special or general act of parliament, which authorized either The Llanelly Railway & Dock Company to sell any part of their actual line of railway, or The South Wales Railway Company to purchase it, the authority was not to be implied from the general power given to The South Wales Railway Company to make their line, and to purchase lands, according to their deposited plans and books of reference &c.

(a) Sect. 3. Sect. 23 was as follows. "And whereas plans and sections of the railway" &c. "by this act authorized, and shewing the lines and levels thereof respectively, and also books of reference containing the names of the owners, lessees, and occupiers, or reputed owners" &c., "of the lands through which such works respectively are intended to pass, have been deposited with the clerks of the peace of the

hold lands for the purposes of the undertaking, within the restrictions contained in the said act and in certain other acts, viz. the “Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845,” 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 16.*, the “Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845,” 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 18.*, and the “Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845,” 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 20.*, the provisions of which recited acts were by the first mentioned act incorporated therewith: that, before the passing of the act for making *The South Wales Railway*, plans and sections and books of reference of the railway and branch railway were deposited in the usual manner; and that it was enacted that the Company might, subject to the said act and the said recited acts, make the railway and branch according to the said plans &c. The writ then recited that, under the powers of *The Llanelly Railway & Dock Company’s Acts*, 9 *G. 4. c. xci.*, 3 & 4 *W. 4. c. lii.*, 5 & 6 *W. 4. c. xcvi.* (all local and personal, public), the last mentioned Company had constructed a railway, dock and other works, and had purchased and still held certain lands, and, among others, the pieces of land in the writ particularly described: that the said last mentioned pieces of land were duly inserted in the said book of reference of *The South Wales Railway Com-*

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“counties” &c; “be it enacted, That, subject to the provisions in this and the said recited acts” (8 & 9 *Vict. cc. 16, 18, 20*) “contained, it shall be lawful for the said Company to make and maintain the said railway and branch railway in the line and upon the lands delineated on the said plans, and described in the said books of reference, and to enter upon, take, and use such of the said lands as shall be necessary for such purpose.”

Sect. 33 empowered the Company, if they should think fit, to carry the railway and branch railway across and on the level of certain roads numbered on the plans and named in this clause.

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pany, as lands through which the works of the said Company were intended to pass; that *The South Wales Railway Company*, on the 12th March 1847, gave notice that they required to take and purchase of *The Llanelly Railway & Dock Company* part of the said pieces of land, containing between one and two acres, being land which *The South Wales Railway Company* were authorised to purchase and take: that the Companies had failed to agree upon the amount of purchase money; that the amount claimed exceeded £500, and that *The South Wales Railway Company*, on the 12th of February 1848, were duly required to issue their warrant to the sheriff of the county in which the said pieces of land were situate, requiring him to summon a jury, under the said "Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845(a)," to assess the amount of purchase money; which the said Company had refused to do. The writ then commanded the Company to issue their warrant for the purpose aforesaid.

Return. That a portion of the said pieces of land formed part of the actual line of the railway constructed by *The Llanelly Railway & Dock Company* under the powers of their said acts of parliament, and was, at the issuing of the writ, and still is, used as part of the said railway, which is a public railway. That neither *The Llanelly Railway & Dock Company*, nor any persons on their behalf, were authorised to sell, convey, release or dispose of the whole or any part of the said portion of the said pieces of land, which so forms part of the actual line of the said railway, and whereon it was so actually constructed; but that the defendants were willing to issue

(a) See stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 18. sects. 22, 23.

their warrant to assess the purchase money &c. to be paid for the said pieces of land in the writ mentioned, exclusive of the said portion on which the said railway was so actually constructed.

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Demurrer and joinder.

The demurrer was argued in *Hilary* vacation, 1849 (a).

Greenwood, for the Crown. There is nothing in any of the acts recited in the writ to prevent the defendants from purchasing and taking the land in question. It is no answer, that the new railway could not be made on this land without crossing *The Llanelly Railway* at a level. [*Coleridge J.* Can the prosecutors convey? If railway acts contained no provision enabling infants to convey, they would be incompetent to do so.] It stands on the record that the prosecutors are the owners of the land; they may, therefore, convey it away, unless specially incapacitated. Again, the power to make the railway on the lands in the book of reference, and to take and purchase such lands, involves the correlative power in the owners of such lands to sell them; and also involves the power to cross the existing railway at a level. There is nothing in the general acts to prevent one railway from crossing another at a level. In the very act of *The South Wales Railway Company*, power is given, by sect. 45 (b), to a private person to carry his

(a) *February 9th.* Before Lord *Denman C. J.*, *Patteson*, *Coleridge* and *Wightman Js.* *Coleridge J.* was not present during the argument for the defendants.

(b) Which provides that nothing in this act shall prevent *Nathaniel Cameron, Esq.*, the owner of certain collieries in the county of *Glamorgan*, from making any branch railway therefrom to the Company's railway, or along the side thereof, or from carrying such branch railway across the Company's railway on the level thereof.

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lic) it is recited in sect. 14
by that act "is intended to
Railway upon a level, near
it is enacted, in relation to
The South Wales Railway
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tion and facilitating traffic
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appeared that the railway i
five yards of an ancient hig
engines on the railway frigh
the highway. It was held
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of land in question, by whic
Railway will be obstructed
the foundation of a claim
about 200,000*l.* as compensa
value of *The Llanelly Railwa*

(a) "For extending the line of
making certain alterations of the said

(b) 4 B. & Ad. 30.

made a public railway, are bound to maintain it; *Rex v. The Severn and Wye Railway Company* (a); how can they do so, if it be crossed by another railway at a level? Section 33 of *The South Wales Railway Company's Act* gives power to cross certain roads on a level, but does not specify *The Llanelly Railway* among them. He then referred to ss. 46, 49 and 53 of stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 20., the "Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," as contemplating that, under circumstances like the present, the new railway should be carried either under or over the old railway; in which case the purchase would be unnecessary. [*Patteson J.* The record does not appear to shew that the two lines of railway are to be on a level.]

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Greenwood replied.

Cur. adv. vult.

PATTESON J. now delivered judgment.

The sole question raised in this case is, whether *The South Wales Railway Company*, having power to cross *The Llanelly Railway & Dock Company's* line, are bound to purchase the soil on which the latter railway is actually constructed at the point of crossing, or only the land on each side of that railway.

Much discussion took place as to the right of *The South Wales Railway Company* to cross the other line on a level. We do not find any authority so to do, either in the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, 8 & 9 Vict. c. 20., or the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, 8 & 9 Vict. c. 18., or in any other Public

(a) 2 B. & Ald. 646.

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[*Wednesday,*
January 15th,
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REPLEVIN by *Francis William Vigers* against the Bishop of *Llandaff*, Dean of the Cathedral Church of *St. Paul, London*, and the Chapter of the same church, *Henry John Knapp*, Subdean of the said church, and *John Tomkies*. The declaration charged that defendants, to wit on 3d *April* 1846, in the parish of *St. Mary le Bow*, in the city of *London*, in the ward

Henry VIII., being seised of lands in fee in right of his Crown, granted them, by letters patent, in tail male to *W.*, reserving rent to himself, his heirs and successors. After the passing of stats. 22 C. 2.

c. 6. and 22 & 23 C. 2. c. 24., *Charles II.*, by letters patent referring to and professing to pursue the former statute, granted the rent to trustees named in sect. 2 of stat. 22 & 23 C. 2. c. 24., their heirs and assigns; and the trustees granted the rent to a Dean and chapter, and their successors for ever. Held in Q. B., and by the Court of Exchequer Chamber on error, that the grant to the trustees was not authorised by either statute, the rent being reserved upon an estate whereof the reversion was in the Crown, and therefore being within the exception in sect. 3 of stat. 22 C. 2. c. 6.

Held in Q. B., and *Semble* by Exch. Ch. on error, that, on demurrer to an avowry for a distress on the land by the Dean and chapter, stating the conveyances as above, but not setting out the recitals or the terms of the grants, it was to be taken that the truth appeared on the face of the grant of the rent to the trustees, and therefore that the Crown did not appear to be deceived (as not having the power to grant the rent in fee simple), nor was the grant void on that account; but that it operated, not as a grant in fee simple, but of a rent determinable on the failure of the estate tail: and, further, that there was thus no ground for the objection, that a subject might have a right to distrain on the Crown when the reversion fell in: although the avowry alleged that the trustees became seised in fee of the rent. Also that the grant, in effect, by severing the rent from the reversion, converted it from a rent service to a rent seck; which, if paid for three years of the space mentioned in stat. 4 G. 2. c. 28. s. 5., might be distrained for.

Held by Q. B., and *Semble* by Exch. Ch. on error, that the grant of such rent seck by the trustees to a Dean and chapter was not void by the Statutes of Mortmain, the rent not being perpetual.

Held by Q. B., that it was sufficient to aver, in the avowry, that the rent reserved became due and in arrear, without an express averment of the continuance of the estate tail. *Semble* contra, by Exch. Ch. on error.

Held, by Exch. Ch. on error, that the avowry was bad on general demurrer for not expressly averring attornment by the terre-tenant to the grant by the trustees, or that such grant was made after stat. 4 Ann. c. 16.; and the defect was not supplied by an averment that the rent had been paid, not saying to whom, and not saying that the payment was in the life of the grantor: nor by an averment, following the statement of the grant by the trustees, "whereupon and whereby" the grantees became and were seised of the rent, and an averment that the rent was due and in arrear to them.

Be paid for all rents, services and demands whatsoever, **i**n any manner to be rendered, made, or due; as by the **r**ecord of the said enrolment, now remaining in the **H**igh Court of Chancery at *Westminster*, more fully **a**ppears. Whereupon and whereby the said *Edmund Walsyngham* then became and was seised in his demesne, as of fee tail male, of and in the said shop in which &c.; and the said King then became and was, and from thence until and at the time of his death continued to be and was, seised as of fee, in right of his Crown of *England*, of and in the reversion expectant on the determination of the said estate tail, and of and in the said service, and of and in the said rent of 4*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* That, the said King being so seised of the said reversion, service, and rent of 4*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*, in right of his said crown of *England*, the said King afterwards, to wit on 28th *January* 1547, died so seised of the said reversion, service, and rent of 4*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* Whereupon and whereby the said reversion, service, and rent of 4*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*, then descended and came to the Lord *Edward* 6th, formerly King of *England*, in right of his Crown of *England*; and thereby the said *Edward* then became and was, and from thence until and at the time of his death continued to be, seised as of fee, in right of his said Crown of *England*, of and in the said reversion, service, and rent of 4*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* The reversion, service, and rent were then traced, in the same form, to the successive Sovereigns; namely: Queen *Mary*, 6th *July* 1553: Queen *Elizabeth*, 17th *November* 1558: *James* 1st, 24th *March* 1603: *Charles* 1st, 27th *March* 1625: *Charles* 2nd, 30th *January* 1649. Whereupon and whereby the said reversion, service and rent then

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descended and came to' *Charles* 2nd, formerly King *England*, in right of his Crown of *England*; whereupon and whereby the said *Charles* 2nd then became and was, and from thence until and at the time of making of the letters patent hereinafter next mentioned continued to be, seised as of fee of and in the said reversion, service and rent. And the said *Charles* 2nd, being so seised, afterwards, to wit on 11th *November*, 22 C. 2., by his letters patent then made, bearing date at *Westminster*, the day and year last aforesaid, sealed with his Great Seal of *England*, and in due manner inrolled of record in the Court of Chancery of the said King *Charles* 2nd at *Westminster*, after referring, in the last mentioned letters patent, to the Act of parliament next hereafter mentioned, did, for the constituting and appointing of trustees for the sale of certain fee farm rents and other rents in the same last mentioned letters patent mentioned, and, amongst them, of the said rent of 4*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*, give and grant unto *Francis* Lord *Hawley*, Sir *Charles* *Harbord*, Knight, Sir *William* *Haward*, Knight, Sir *John* *Talbot*, Knight, Sir *Robert* *Stewart*, Knight, and *William* *Harbord*, Esquire, mentioned in the last mentioned Act(a), and their heirs, amongst other things, the said annual rent of 4*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* so reserved &c., to have and to hold the said rent of 4*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* unto the said *Francis* Lord *Hawley*, &c., and their heirs, to the only use and behoof of them, the said *Francis* Lord *Hawley*, &c., and of their heirs and assigns for ever: nevertheless, upon trust, and to the intents and purposes, in the said last mentioned letters patent mentioned, expressed and declared; that is to say:

(a) 22 & 23 C. 2. c. 24. ss. 1., 2.

a trust, and to the intent, that they, the said
 Lord *Hawley*, &c., and their heirs, should stand
 and of the said rent of 4*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* until sale thereof
 and some conveyance thereof executed, in trust
 and for the benefit of the said King *Charles* 2nd,
 heirs and successors, as by the said letters patent
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 in and whereby the said *F.* Lord *Hawley*, &c. then
 came and were, and from thence until and at the
 e of the making of the indenture next hereinafter
 mentioned continued to be, seised as of fee of and in
 said rent of 4*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* Allegation, that the last
 mentioned letters patent were so made, as aforesaid,
 or the making and passing of an Act (22 C. 2. c. 6.,
 or advancing the sale of fee-farm rents, and other
 ts"), and before 24th *June* 1672, to wit on the
 11th *November*, 22 C. 2. And, the said *F.* Lord
awley, &c., being so seised as aforesaid, afterwards,
 in the lifetime of one *William Sancroft*, since de-
 sed, and while the said *W. Sancroft* was Dean of the
 Cathedral Church of *St. Paul's, London*, and be-
 any part of the rent hereinafter mentioned to have
 in arrear accrued or became due or payable, to
 on 10th *September*, 23 C. 2., by a certain indenture
 n made, between the said *F.* Lord *Hawley*, Sir *C.*
rbord, Sir *W. Haward*, Sir *J. Talbot*, Sir *R.*
wart, and *W. Harbord*, of the one part, and the said
Sancroft, Dean &c., and the Chapter of the same
 urch, of the other part (excuse of profert, the deed
 ring been lost by accident), the said *F.* Lord *Hawley*,
 ., for a certain consideration in money recited in the
 t mentioned indenture, that is to say, in considera-
 n of the sum of 937*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.*, part of the several

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wit, for the space of the three years, A.D. 1720, 1721, 1722. And, because 27*l.* 8*s.* of the rent aforesaid, for six years ending on 11th *October* 1845, and also at the said time when &c., was due and in arrear to the Dean and Chapter for the time being, &c. : avowry and cognizance of taking the goods as a distress for the rent so due, and which still remains due, &c. Verification.

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Demurrer, assigning as grounds (in effect): That it did not appear that the estate granted to *E. Walsyngham* continued when the rent distrained for accrued: That the rent was reserved to the King, his heirs and successors, and not to his assigns, and could not be assigned when severed from the reversion: That it did not appear that plaintiff, or those under whom he held, claimed through *E. Walsyngham*: That the shop, being in the City of *London*, was land of socage tenure, and could not be granted to be held by knight's service: That, as *Charles II.* was not seised as of fee in the rent, he could not grant it in fee, and consequently in such grant was deceived, and the same was void: That, for the same reason, the grant of the rent to the Dean and Chapter in fee simple was also void: That the creation of a rent charge in fee simple was not to be presumed against the Crown from the terms of the grant of *Charles II.*; and, if the estate therein, claimed by the Dean and Chapter, were not a fee simple, the avowry and cognizance was bad for uncertainty, in not distinctly shewing the estate: That, if it was a base fee, it was not properly described: That the rent was stated to be reserved and issuing out of the shop, whereas the legal effect of the grant was that the rent was reserved and issuing out of the estate granted by *Henry VIII.* in the shop: That, when reserved by

was to distrain on land which was or might be in the possession of the Crown: That it did not apply for the six years for which the rent was claimed in the years preceding the day of the distress; and that the rent was claimed for six years ending in A. D. 1847, or the first day of the session of parliament in 1847.

Joinder in demurrer.

The demurrer was argued in *Michaelmas* vac. 1847, by *Ogle* for the plaintiff in replevin and for the defendants. The course of argument sufficiently appear from the judgment, and from the argument and judgment in the Court of Error.

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Lord DENMAN C. J. now delivered the judgment of the Court.

The pleadings in this case shew that King Charles the 8th, being seised in fee of the shop distrained, granted it by letters patent to Sir *Edmund Ashmole* in tail male, at an annual rent of 4*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* and the reversion is then traced to King *Charles the 2d*.

(s) December 8th, before Lord Denman C. J., Patteson, Coleridge & Wightman J.

By letters patent, professing to act under stat. 22 C. 2. c. 6., conveyed the rent, without the reversion in the shop, to trustees, who conveyed it to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's. The avowry shews that the rent was paid for three years before the passing of stat. 4 G. 2. c. 28., respecting rent seck, and justifies distraining for arrears.

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On demurrer, it is objected that this rent was reserved upon an estate whereof the reversion was in the Crown at the time of the passing stat. 22 C. 2. c. 6., and that the rent was incident to the reversion; therefore that, by sect. 3 of the act, it is expressly excepted from its operation, and is also excepted from stat. 22 & 23 C. 2. c. 24., passed to supply some deficiencies in letters patent granted under the former act. We are of opinion that this objection is valid, and that the grant cannot be supported under those statutes.

But it is argued that the grant by the Crown to the trustees was good independently of the statutes of *Charles 2.*, and that the effect of it was to convert the rent, which was before a rent service, into a rent seck (a), which is the ordinary effect of separating the rent from the reversion to which it is incident. Then, as it is averred that the rent was paid for three years before the passing of stat. 4 G. 2. c. 28., that statute applies; and the Dean and Chapter might well distrain for the rent as a rent seck, if it was legally conveyed to them by the trustees. On the other hand, it is argued that King *Charles 2d*, not being seised of the rent in fee, but only during the continuance of the

(a) *Gilbert on Distresses*, 4, 5, (4th edit., by *Impey*) was cited in the argument.

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estate tail created by King *Henry* the 8th, with the reversion in fee in the shop, could not grant the rent in fee to the trustees, though he might sever it from the reversion in the shop, and grant it to them and their heirs during the continuance of the estate tail; and so, that the Crown was deceived, and the whole grant was void. Now we must take it, upon these pleadings, that the truth appeared upon the face of the grant, which is of the rent *so reserved as aforesaid*, namely, during the continuance of the estate tail. Upon failure of the estate tail, the rent would cease; and therefore the Crown cannot be taken to have granted an absolute fee in the rent, which rent was not perpetual and might at any time cease; but only to have granted what it had. And this is an answer to another objection that, if the grant be taken to be of the rent in fee, it might operate as a rent-charge on the failure of the estate tail, when the reversion would fall into the hands of the Crown; and so a subject might have a right given him to distrain on the Crown (a). No such illegality would follow; for, as has been already stated, the rent would cease on failure of the estate tail, and cannot be considered as a rent charge at all. It is true that the avowry states the trustees, and afterwards the Dean and Chapter, to be seised *as of fee* in the rent; but that averment must be taken with the same qualification, inasmuch as the continuance of the rent during the estate tail only appears on the face of the avowry.

A further objection is made, that there is no averment that the estate tail continues. The better opinion appears

(a) On this point, reference was made, in the argument, to *Chitty* on the *Prerogatives of the Crown*, 376., where *Jenkyns*, cent. iii. ca. 18., and *Willion v. Berkley*, *Plowd.* 223. 242., are cited.

to be that it is not necessary to aver the continuance of the estate tail, even where a party claims under the tenant in tail, note (8) to *Thursby v. Plant* (a). Much less can it be necessary in such a case as this, where it is averred that the rent reserved on the grant in tail became due and in arrear; which could not be if the estate tail were not continuing.

The next objection is, that the conveyance from the trustees to the Dean and Chapter was void by the Statutes of Mortmain. Sect. 10 of stat. 22 C. 2. c. 6. does indeed authorise corporations to purchase the rents alluded to in that statute, notwithstanding the Statutes of Mortmain: but we have already expressed our opinion that the grant in question is not good under that statute. Again, the conveyances cannot operate as a licence from the Crown to hold in mortmain, as perhaps they might if the Crown had been party to the conveyance to the Dean and Chapter: but it is not so. If, therefore, the rent had been a rent in fee, it would be difficult to say that the Statutes of Mortmain would not apply; but it is not a rent in fee; and we have not been able to find any authority for the proposition that the Statutes of Mortmain forbid a corporation to hold that which is not in itself perpetual.

Upon the whole, we are of opinion that the Dean and Chapter of *St. Paul's* are well entitled to the rent in question, as a rent seck, during the continuance of the estate tail granted by the letters patent of King *Henry* the 8th, and are entitled to distrain for the arrears under stat. 4 G. 2. c. 28.: and our judgment must be for the defendants.

Judgment for defendants.

(a) 1 *Wms. Saund.* 235 b. (6th edit.).

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(Error from the Queen's Bench.)

[*Tuesday,*
November 27th,
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note, see p. 909,
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ERROR having been brought in the Exchequer Chamber on the above judgment, the case ~~was~~ argued in *Trinity* vacation, 1849 (*a*), before *Coltman*, *Maule*, *Cresswell* and *Williams* Js. (*a*), and *Parke*, *Alderson* and *Platt* Bs.

Ogle, for the plaintiff in error. The avowry is bad. First. The rent in question was reserved upon an estate whereof the reversion was in the Crown; the rent, therefore, is by section 3 of stat. 22 C. 2. c. 6. excepted from the powers of sale given by that act. Secondly. The avowry does not allege that the indenture by which the trustees conveyed to the Dean and Chapter was inrolled. This is required by sect. 6; and by sect. 7 the purchaser of such rent is not adjudged to have the actual seisin until after the inrolment of his conveyance. It may be said that, even if the statute has not been complied with, the conveyance to the Dean and Chapter is good as a bargain and sale at common law. But it is clear that the intention was to convey under the statute; and "in the case of a Crown grant it shall

(*a*) *June* 14th and 15th. *Williams* J. was not present on the former

ture to any other intent than that specified in the 3^d *Chitty's Prerogatives of the Crown*, 393. Thirdly, title of the Dean and Chapter is defective, because rent is conveyed to the trustees in fee, whereas Crown had no title to the rent except during the nuance of the estate tail: the Crown, therefore, deceived in its grant to the trustees, so that the title is void, and the trustees themselves had no title to convey. Fourthly. The grant to the Corporation is within the Statute of Mortmain: "The taking a lease for a very long term, as 100 or 200 years, is within the Mortmain Act;" *Shelford on the Law of Mortmain*, p. 9, citing *Hemming v. Brabason* (a). Fifthly. The reversion in the shop being in the Crown, the avowry claims the right to distrain on premises which may be in the possession of the Crown. Sixthly. The conveyance to the trustees, not being within the Statute 22 C. 2. c. 6. and 22 & 23 C. 2. c. 24., is void, because a subject cannot be trustee for the Crown at common law. Seventhly. There is no allegation of assent to the Dean and Chapter; and stat. 4 Ann. c. 9. will not avail, as it applies only to grants made after the statute. It is indeed averred that rent has been paid, but not that it has been paid to the Dean and Chapter.

Watson, contra. The avowry shews a valid grant under stat. 22 C. 2. c. 6. The third section is in continuation of the enabling and not of the excepting of the second section. [*Mauls* J. The enabling of the second section had already mentioned "divers

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other rents of what nature or kind soever they be;" so that the third section, if taken in an enabling sense would add nothing. *Parke B.* How do you get over the objection as to the non-inrolment of the grant to the Dean and Chapter?] The directions as to inrolment constitute, at most, a condition subsequent; the grant operated immediately; the inrolment is to be made within six months; and the defect, being material and subsequent, should have been pleaded in answer.

Stat. 22 & 23 C. 2. c. 24., by section 8, gives the general form of avowry, that the trustees were seised in fee, "and so seised granted the same." The grant to the Dean and Chapter was, at all events, good at common law. The Crown had power to alien: the Crown did convey to the trustees; and they conveyed to the Dean and Chapter. No question of attornment, even if the objection can be taken on general demurrer, and, it is contended, it cannot be so taken, arises on these pleadings. On conveyance by the Crown, the rent became rent seck; and afterwards by stat. 4 G. 2. c. 28. s. 5. annexed the remedies incident to rent service to rent seck, if paid for three years within twenty years before the first day of the Session. Where a reversion was assigned, there was no right of distress until attornment; but, where rent only was assigned, that, although merely rent seck, passed by the grant and required no attornment to perfect the transfer; *Co. Lit.* 151. b. [*Parke B.* referred to *Littleton*, sect. 551. The objection would be cured by verdict; note (1) to *Stennel v. Hogg* (a).] Here we are on demurrer; that is the difficulty.] There

(a) 1 *Wms. Saund.* 228.

is a distinct averment that the Dean and Chapter were seised; this implies attornment. If that be not so, still, on general demurrer, it is sufficient to allege that the rent passed by the grant; for, as the rent would pass without attornment since stat. 4 *Ann. c. 16. (s. 9.)*, it must be taken that the grant was since that statute. "That which is apparent to the Court by necessary collection out of the record need not be averred;" *Co. Lit.* 303. b. Again, it is alleged that the rent "was duly paid for the three years;" that must mean that it was paid by the occupier to the person entitled to receive it; for, if paid either by a stranger or to a stranger, it would not be duly paid. [*Platt J.* That allegation may apply to a payment of rent, to the trustees or to their heir. *Cresswell J.* The avowry shews an estate in the trustees, and does not shew a determination of it. *Parke B.* It ought to appear affirmatively that the rent was paid during the lives of the grantor and grantee. As a corporation lives for ever, it would probably be enough to allege the payment during the life of the grantor.] "Duly paid" must mean duly according to the title alleged in the plea. *Cresswell J.* That is, the rent was duly paid to the Dean and Chapter because there was an attornment to them, and there was an attornment to them because the rent was duly paid to them.] No attornment was necessary in the case of a grant either by or to the Crown. As to the objection on the Mortmain Act, the object of that Act was to prevent land vesting in religious bodies in perpetuity. [*Parke B.* There may also be this answer, that the grant would be good as between grantor and grantee, and the rent be in the corporation until office found.] Lastly, as to the objection, taken in the

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Court below, but which has not been noticed in the present argument, that the avowry contains no averment of the continuance of the estate tail. The authorities on this point are collected in note (8) to *Thursby v. Plant* (a): where the learned editor remarks: "But the better opinion seems to be, that it is not necessary to aver the life of tenant in tail, or the continuance of the estate tail." The avowry alleges that the Dean and Chapter were seised down to the time of the distress, and that the rent was in arrear. *Fryer v. Coombs* (b) is not in point; for there the question was as to the necessity of averring the continuance of an estate for life. [Parke B. The case shews that, if the averment be necessary, it is not supplied by an averment that the rent was in arrear to the party claiming it.]

Ogle, in reply. [*Maule J.* We agree with the Court below that the case is within the third section of stat. 22 C. 2. c. 6., and that this section is exceptive; the only question, therefore, is whether the title is shewn at common law.] It is unnecessary to consider whether attornment was requisite where the grant was either by or to the Crown; for the objection is to the want of attornment on a grant by subjects to the Dean and Chapter. The plaintiff in error has as much right to say that the averment "duly paid" means payment to the grantor as the defendant has to say that it means payment to the grantee. The attornment must be during the life of the grantor; *Lit.* sect. 551; on the necessity of attornment sections 225, 552, 553, 554, also may be referred to. After the rent was

(a) 1 *Wms. Saund.* 235 b. (6th ed.).

(b) 11 *A. & E.* 403.

avered from the reversion it became rent seck; and it is for the avowants to shew that a right to dis-
rain has been subsequently acquired. The averment,
“whereupon and whereby” the Dean and Chapter
became seised, is insufficient; for it is alleged imme-
diately after the recital of the conveyance to them, and
as the effect of that conveyance merely. With respect
to the continuance of the estate tail, the avowry leaves
this in doubt, and “ambiguum placitum interpretari
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this can be made, as it would be a presumption against
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PARKE B. now delivered the judgment of the Court.

This case was argued at the sittings after last Term
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and myself, and our late most estimable and lamented
colleague, Mr. Justice *Coltman*. My brother *Williams*
also heard a part of the argument. The surviving
judges who heard the whole of it are of opinion that the
judgment of the Court of Queen's Bench is erroneous.
From that opinion my brother *Williams*, so far as he
heard the argument, does not dissent; nor have we any
reason to believe that our late brother *Coltman* did.

The question arose upon the sufficiency of an avowry
and cognizance, to which there was a special demurrer.
The avowry and cognizance states that King *Henry*
the 8th was seised in his demesne as of fee in the shop
and which &c., and, by his letters patent enrolled, granted
; to *Edmund Walsyngham*, Knight, and the heirs male
of his body, paying therefore annually to the King and
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In the argument in the Court of Queen's Bench, the objections taken were: First. That this case was not within the statute 22 *C.* 2. c. 6., because the reversion was in the Crown, and therefore, by sect. 3, the statute did not apply. Secondly. That, if it was within the statute, the provisions of it were not complied with, because the conveyance by the trustees was

not by bargain and sale enrolled: and, further, that the Statute of Mortmain avoided the grant. Thirdly. That the conveyance to the trustees was void, because the King was deceived in his grant (*a*). Fourthly. That there was no averment expressed or implied of the continuance of the estate tail of *Edmund Walsyngham*.

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The Court of Queen's Bench decided against the validity of these objections; and we think the Court was perfectly right in holding that the case was not within the statute 22 C. 2. c. 6., as the reversion was in the Crown, and consequently that the avowry and cognizance could not be supported under that statute. We also agree that there is no objection to the title of the Dean and Chapter, under the grant at common law, on the ground that the conveyance to the trustees was void because the Crown was deceived in its grant inasmuch as, having a title only to the rent service during the continuance of the estate tail, it granted a rent in fee. We cannot assume upon these pleadings, which do not set out the recitals in the letters patent, or the precise terms of the grant itself, that the Crown was deceived. Nor are we disposed to think the other objection is of any weight, that the deed of conveyance to the corporation was void under the Statute of Mortmain. If the Statute of Mortmain did apply to the estate tail in a rent, the estate would probably pass, but be forfeited; if it were land, it certainly would be void only on the entry of the lord.

The other objection insisted upon in the Court of Queen's Bench was, that there was no averment as to

(*a*) On this point, reference was made, in the argument below, to *Com. Dig. Grant* (G 8.). See *Gledstones v. The Earl of Sandwich*, 4 *Man. & G.* 995., 1 *Stephen Com.* 588, 9. (2d ed.), 2 *Blackst. Com.* 348.

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the continuance of the estate tail. The Court intimated that the better opinion was, that no such averment was necessary, and that the allegation that the rent was due and in arrear, which could not be if the estate tail was not continuing, was sufficient. We do not concur in the latter conclusion, after the decision, which appears to us quite satisfactory, of the case of *Fryer v. Coombs* (a); and, whether the former opinion be correct, where the party does not claim under the tenement in tail, is in our judgment a questionable matter.

But it is not necessary for us to decide that point, nor the other on the Statute of Mortmain; as we think the avowry bad, for another reason, which appears not to have been discussed in the Court of Queen's Bench. That objection is the want of an express averment of an attornment of the terre-tenant upon the grant of the rent by the trustees, or of some equivalent allegation. This objection was taken for the first time on the argument in the Court of Error; and it is not stated as a ground of special demurrer: and the question therefore is, whether it is good on general demurrer. In order to make a grant of the rent by the trustees valid, attornment of the terre-tenant was certainly necessary. If it had been a grant by the Crown no attornment would have been required; *Co. Lit.* 309. b.; but the grant of the trustees is the same as a grant by private individuals. It is also a common law conveyance only, so far as appears in these pleadings, and did not operate under the Statute of Uses; and, consequently, attornment cannot be dispensed with on that ground.

(a) 11 A. & E. 403. *Brooke v. Spong*, 15 M. & W. 153., was cited in the argument below. See *Harrold v. Whitaker*, 11 Q.B. 147.

Four answers were made to this objection. First: that the conveyance might have been made after the statute 4 *Ann. c. 16.* Secondly: that there was a sufficient averment of attornment by payment of rent. Thirdly: that attornment was to be implied, because there was an averment that the Dean and Chapter were seised of the rent, and that the rent was due and in arrear to them, which could not be unless there had been an attornment to them. And lastly: that, if the want of an attornment was an objection, it was not available on general demurrer.

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We are sorry to be obliged to come to the conclusion that none of these answers are satisfactory. As to the first, we cannot make any presumption either way. The defendants must shew a title; and, if this part of it depends upon the transfer being subsequent to stat. 4 *Ann. c. 16.*, that fact should have been truly averred. No doubt it could not have been truly averred. As to the second answer, there are two reasons against it: the first, that, in order to make the payment of rent an attornment in law, it must be made to the grantee of the rent; *Co. Lit.* 315. a., *Com. Dig. Attornment* (B 2.); and the averment is only that the rent was duly paid, not saying to whom; and, secondly, every attornment must be in the life of the grantor; *Co. Lit.* 309. a., *Com. Dig. Attornment* (D); and the life of the trustees at the time of payment is not averred. With respect to the third answer, the averment, "whereupon and whereby" the corporation was seised and continued seised, is not a positive averment of the fact, but only a statement of the conclusion of law from the fact of the conveyance. As little will the averment, that a sum was "due and

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in arrear" at the time of the distress, cure the defect of title for want of attornment. If it does not cure the want of the averment that the estate tail continued (as the case of *Fryer v. Coombs* (a), above referred to, shews), it will be equally ineffectual in curing this defect. In truth it is only equivalent to an averment that the rent had not been paid; and, on a plea of *riens in arrear*, the plaintiff could have shewn payment only, and would not have been permitted to prove the defect in the conveyance to the defendants. One point only remains to be considered. Assuming the title to be defective for want of attornment, is the objection available on general demurrer, it not having been pointed out specially? It is clear that after a verdict on a plea putting in issue the averment of the grant of the rent to the Dean and chapter the objection could not prevail; it would be cured by verdict at common law on the ground that, unless the terre-tenant had in fact attorned, the verdict could not have been found for the defendants, as the judge must be presumed to have told the jury that attornment was necessary to the validity of the grant, and that, if there was none, no grant could be found. It would be reasonable to say, if there were no authority on the subject, that, if attornment was implied in the term "*grant*," where there was an issue denying it, it must be implied where the grant was admitted on the pleadings by the special plea, or traverse of some other matter, or judgment by default; and that the allegation of a grant was an informal mode, only, of alleging a grant and an attornment. But the authorities are very strong that such a

(a) 11 A. & E. 403.

defect could not have been cured after verdict by the statute of jeofails as a defect on account of form, and therefore would not have been cured after judgment by default. It is not a mere matter of form, within the meaning of the statutes 16 & 17 C. 2. c. 8., and 4 Ann. c. 16. s. 2.; and, if it be not a matter of form, omission or defect, under those statutes, we cannot say that it is, under the statute 27 Eliz. c. 5. or the 1st section of the 4 Ann. c. 16., a mere "imperfection, omission or defect," which would only be available on special demurrer. It appears to be a general rule that whatever would be bad after judgment by default would be bad on general demurrer; and the authorities shew that such a defect as this is bad after judgment by default. The authorities to that effect have been generally adopted by the text writers; note (1) to *Stennel v. Hogg* (a), 2 *Tidd's Pr.* 919 (b).

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We think, therefore, that the decision of the Court of Queen's Bench must be reversed.

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(b) 9th ed.

(c) The case in error is reported by *H. Davison, Esq.*



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and then handed by him to plaintiffs; that plaintiffs and defendants should respectively bear their own costs of the action; that "this action, and the causes of action included in the same, should be settled, satisfied, discharged and terminated by the arrangement and agreement before mentioned." Averment that defendants admitted their liability, drew and delivered the cheque, and had always been ready to perform the agreement, take the license, and pay their own costs; of which plaintiffs had notice.

Held bad, on special demurrer.

For that, if the agreement were construed as an accord in respect of the things to be done, there was no averment of satisfaction, the stipulations of defendants not having been all performed; and, if the making of the agreement itself was relied upon, there was no allegation, expressed or implied, that the agreement was accepted in satisfaction.

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The declaration went on to allege that defendant received the rents and profits, and ought as bailiff to have rendered an account of what he received more than his share, but had not rendered such account.

The plea set out the deed, which appeared to be to the effect stated in the declaration: and it alleged that *L.* did appoint, setting out the appointment, which shewed that plaintiff and defendant were not tenants in common. The plea concluded with a verification.

Held, on special demurrer, a good plea; for that the fact of this appointment ought not to have been pleaded as a traverse of the allegation of non-appointment, such allegation in the count being unnecessary; and that, even if such allegation had been necessary, it was still necessary for the plea to set out the appointment, in order to shew its effect. *Ricketts v. Loftus*, 482.

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Notice of distress for rent under 1 stat. 2 *W. & M. c. 5. s. 2.* stated that the broker had taken the goods mentioned in the inventory underwritten, which inventory was: "One clock and weights, &c., and any other goods and effects that may be found in and about the said premises to pay the said rent and expenses of this distress." Held sufficient, it appearing that the distress was in fact meant to include all the goods on the premises. *Wakeman v. Lindsey*, 625.

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 upon him in and by each and every
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 and made void" the verdict, and all
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 the corn. *K.* sold the bill to defendant

at *New Orleans*, and, at the same time, handed to defendant a bill of lading of the corn, which had been drawn for delivery to *K.*'s order and indorsed by *K.* *K.* at the same time empowered defendant to sell the corn if the bill of exchange should not be paid. Afterwards *K.* advised plaintiff of the transaction, forwarded to him the invoice, which stated the corn to be shipped at the risk and on the account of plaintiff, and requested plaintiff to accept the bill of exchange.

Held, that the inference from these facts was that *K.* did not transfer the property in the corn to plaintiff, subject to a lien, but only transferred the property to plaintiff on the condition of his paying the bill of exchange, and that, in the mean time, the corn was the property of defendant.

The corn having arrived in *England*, and the bills of exchange and lading having been forwarded to *England* by defendant, the bill of exchange was accepted by plaintiff. On its maturity, he offered to take it up: but it was not produced, owing to a mistake of defendant's agent in *England* as to its place of deposit. On a later day the bill of exchange was presented to plaintiff, who did not pay it.

Held, that defendant, under these circumstances, was entitled to retain the corn. *Jenkyns v. Brown*, 496.

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Plaintiff and defendant being resident in *England*, and *P.* at *Havana*, and defendant being a foreign agent, a written agreement was entered into by plaintiff with defendant "*in behalf and representation of P. of Havana*" (so stated in the agreement), that plaintiff would proceed as fireman and stoker on board the *T.* steamer, then about to leave *London* for *Havana*, calling at intermediate ports, to be placed in the service of *P.*, and would faithfully do the work of fireman or stoker on board the *T.*, and obey the orders of the engineers. In consideration of the service, plaintiff was to receive wages at 5*l.* per month, payable monthly, and 2*l.* per month

for providing himself in provisions. During the outward passage, rations were to be served out to plaintiff on account of *P.* The contract to be understood to be in force for one year certain from the date; and, should plaintiff be discharged before that time, three months' wages to be paid in advance, besides finding him a passage home; *P.* being at liberty to confirm and continue the engagement on the terms stated, or to discharge plaintiff and to find him his passage back to *England*: the wages to be payable up to the day of plaintiff's arrival in *England*, unless he should be discharged for misconduct: one month's pay to be advanced for plaintiff's outfit for the voyage.

Held:

1. That the agreement did not require a stamp, being within the exemption "memorandum or agreement for the hire of any labourer," in stat. 55 G. 3. c. 184. Schedule, Part I. tit. *Agreement*.

2. That defendant was liable for breaches of this agreement by the not serving of rations during the outward passage, by the discharge of plaintiff before the *T.* arrived at *Havana*, and by the non-payment of three months' wages in advance. *Wilson v. De Zulueta*, 405.

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To a count for false imprisonment, defendant pleaded that his goods had been stolen by a person unknown to him; and that he had probable cause for suspecting plaintiff to have been guilty of the felony; also, that the goods had been stolen by a person unknown, and plaintiff had feloniously and knowingly received them: also, that a person unknown had feloniously received, and defendant had probable cause to suspect plaintiff of having been guilty of and concerned in the felonious receiving.

In support of these averments, proof was offered that the goods had been, in the first instance, stolen or received by P., a person known to defendant. The Judge amended the pleas, substituting P., by name, for the person unknown.

The Court, under stat. 3 & 4 W. 4. c. 42. s. 23., refused a rule for a new trial.

Though it was suggested that the person named had been tried for the felony and acquitted. *Pratt v. Hanbury*, 190.

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An order of Sessions, whereby, after reciting that an appeal has been entered by a putative father against an order of maintenance, the Sessions (under stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 10. s. 3.) refuse to allow the appeal, for insufficiency of the notice of recognizance, and confirm the order of maintenance with costs, is bad by reason of the improper confirmation.

Notice of recognizance, under stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 10. s. 3., is sufficient, though it do not state that the recognizance has the several conditions required by that clause, but, only, that it is conditioned for trial of the appeal. *Regina v. Holborow*, 421.

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ourt, under the circumstances, ed the rule without costs. *Re- Jardey*, 529.

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: that the agreement was il- referring an indictment to ar- ; and, an award having been the Court refused, on motion, r payment of costs in pursuance award, though the submission n made a rule of Court accord- he agreement.

ord Campbell C.J. The matter rence was not legally a subject ence, the question as to liability

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An attorney of the Court of Great Sessions in *Wales*, who was in actual practice at the passing of stat. 11 G. 4. & 1 W. 4. c. 70., and who, under stat. 55 G. 3. c. 184., Schedule, part 1., has paid for his admission a stamp duty of 25*l.*, but paid only 60*l.* on his articles of clerkship, and who has, under stat. 11 G. 4. & 1 W. 4. c. 70. s. 16., and before the passing of stat. 6 & 7 Vict. c. 73., been admitted on the shilling roll, but has not been admitted in the Superior Courts of *Westminster* under sect. 17 of the first mentioned statute, is, under stat. 6 & 7 Vict. c. 73. s. 35., guilty of a contempt if he practise in a Superior Court of *Westminster* in a cause where the defendant did not reside in *Wales* or *Cheshire* at the commencement of the suit:

Although the irregular act is not shewn to have been done knowingly or wilfully. *Re Humphreys*, 388.

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Under stat. 7 & 8 Vict. c. 101. s. 2., a refusal by justices to make an order for maintenance of a bastard, though on the merits, is no bar to a second application. And, if justices refuse to entertain such second application on the mere ground of the first refusal, the Court will order them by mandamus to hear.

The justices, on a second hearing, may nevertheless take into consider-

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stat. 3 & 4 *Vict. c.* 86.) was sus-
d from all exercise of his office,
om receiving the fruits of his
ce, for eighteen months. The
issued a sequestration on this
ce, to a different sequestrator,
was published: the judgment
or which the first sequestration
ued being still unsatisfied. On
calling upon the bishop to shew
why he should not pay the
ff, at whose suit the first seques-
issued, the amount of profits
benefice received,

d, that the suspension, for the
f its endurance, operated in re-
of perception of the profits, as
on would have done, not only
t the clerk, but against his cre-
; and the rule was discharged as

to the profits received after the se-
cond sequestration was published.
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1. Conditioned for renewal, effect of.

A bill of exchange, drawn 28th *No-*
vember 1836, payable forty two months
after date, was accepted thus: "Ac-
cepted on the condition of its being
renewed until *November* 28th, 1844,
without interest, payable by me at
Messrs. Williams' and Deacon's, bank-
ers, *London*."

Held, in an action by indorsee
against acceptor, that this was a good
acceptance, and was properly declared
on as a bill accepted payable on 28th
November 1844.

An acceptance of a bill of exchange
must be to pay in money, and an ac-
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It is sufficient notice of dishonour
to the indorser of a note if a person
acting for the holder informs him that
the note has been presented and dis-
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that the indorser will be looked to for
payment, and though, at the time of
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Though accompanied by other securities.

A bond made in 1812, conditioned to replace a sum of Government stock of the value of 792*l.*, is sufficiently stamped with a 3*l.* stamp, under stat. 43 G. 3. c. 149. Schedule, part 1., tit. *Bond*, though accompanied by a deposit of title deeds, and an agreement, insufficiently stamped, of even date, for the mortgage of property comprised in such title deeds as a collateral security. *Blair v. Ormond*, 732.

II. In whom vested on death of obligee.

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What width of road required, and how measured.

The Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, 8 & 9 *Vict.* c. 20. & 49., enacts that, when a railway is carried over a "turnpike road" by a bridge, the width of the arch shall be such as to leave thereunder a clear space of not less than 35 feet: other dimensions are given in the cases of "a public carriage road" and a "private road." Sect. 51 provides that, wherever the average available width, for the passage of carriages, of any existing roads, is less than the width hereinbefore prescribed for bridges over the railway, the width of such bridges need not be greater than such average available width; but so, nevertheless, that such bridges be not of less width in the case of a turnpike or public carriage road than 20 feet: and that, if such average available width shall be at any time increased beyond the width of such bridge, the Railway Company shall be bound to widen the bridge to such extent as they may be required by the trustees or surveyors of the road, not exceeding the width of the road as so widened, or the maximum width herein or in the special Act prescribed for a bridge in like case over the railway.

The effect of the last clause is, that, if the average available width for the passage of carriages on any road is more than 35 feet, the road may be narrowed to 35 feet under the arch; where it is less, the arch may be made of the same width as the road, so that it be not less than 20 feet wide: if the road be afterwards widened, the arch

be widened in proportion, up to, not beyond, 35 feet.

In his reckoning, footpaths are not taken into account. Therefore, the road, including footpaths, 3 feet wide, but without them 8, and the railway arch, 35 feet in, stood partly upon and narrowing footpath, but left the carriage way original width: Held, on indictment for obstructing the carriage way, stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 20. (ss. 49. 51.), railway act incorporating it, were tried with.

Although the special Act provided wherever the railway crossed the otherwise than at right angles, bridge should be made with a skew which had been done in this instance, "so as not in any manner to be the direction of or interfere with the use of the said roads, or the footpaths to the same." *Regina v. Rigby*,

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old railway shares, of which *B.*, intermediate sales and without publicity with *B.*, became purchaser; transferred them to *B.* by deed. At the time of the sale by him, was the owner, and so remained, *B.*

not having registered. After the purchase by *B.*, a call was made upon *S.*, which *S.* was obliged to pay, under stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 16. s. 15.

Held, that for such payment *S.* could not maintain an action against *B.* as for money paid to his use. *Sayles v. Blane*, 205.

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Debt by a Railway Company against defendant, alleged to have been the holder of shares, for calls alleged to have been "duly made."

Motion for leave to plead: 1. Never indebted. 2. Defendant not holder of shares. 3. That defendant was put on the register by fraud of the plaintiffs.

4. That defendant was mentioned in the plaintiffs' special Act as *having subscribed* to the undertaking; that by such subscription he became holder of the shares: and that he was induced to subscribe by fraud of the plaintiffs.

6. That the calls were made for fraudulent purposes, known to plaintiffs, and the making of them was a fraud on defendant.

7. (Retained by defendant on being put to his election between this and two similar pleas, 5 and 11.) That, before passing of the special act and formation of a register, and before the making of calls, defendant, an original subscriber, sold his scrip and interest, and the Company agreed with the vendee to register him for the shares, and that he should be the shareholder; but that they afterwards registered defendant for the shares against his will and that of the vendee; and that defendant never was the shareholder except as in this plea aforesaid.

8. Agreement between plaintiffs and defendant that the calls should be rescinded.

9. That the plaintiffs' Act was obtained by fraud of the plaintiffs and others.

10. Traverse of the calls being duly made as alleged in the declaration.

12. That, when the calls were made,

capital had not been bona fide subscribed to a certain amount required by the special Act, but part of such subscription had been fraudulently obtained by plaintiffs; that there were no subscriptions to the said amount; and that until such subscriptions were made, plaintiffs had no power to make calls.

13. That notice of the calls was not duly given.

Pleas 1 and 2 were allowed.

Plea 3 was disallowed, as a plea to evidence, namely the anticipated evidence of the Register.

4. Disallowed as an inconsistent and bad plea.

6. Allowed.

7. Disallowed as an argumentative traverse of being shareholder.

8. Allowed.

9. Disallowed, as suggesting an inadmissible defence.

10. Disallowed, on the word "duly" being struck out of the declaration.

12. Allowed, as raising a fairly disputable question on the special Act and on the Companies and Lands Consolidation Acts, 1845.

13. Disallowed, the defence being proveable under *Nunquam indebitatus*. *Waterford, &c. Railway Company v. Logan*, 672.

2. Defences arising out of fraud imputed to the directors, 672. *Antè*, 1.

3. Defence arising out of the non-subscription of capital, 672. *Antè*, 1.

4. Defence arising out of improper registration, 672. *Antè*, 1.

5. Defences admissible under traverse of being shareholder, 672. *Antè*, 1.

6. Defences admissible under *Nunquam indebitatus*, 672. *Antè*, 1.

CANAL.

I. Abstraction of water.

1. Remedy by action.

Stat. 34 G. 3. c. 78. empowered a company to purchase lands for making and maintaining a navigable canal, and contained provisions with respect to the conveyance of land, and its vesting

in the Company on payment of the price assessed by compensation juries. It was also provided by the same Act (explained by stat. 46 G. 3. c. 23. s. 23.) that manufacturers within a certain distance of the canal might, after notice to the proprietors of the canal, lay down pipes to supply their steam engines with water for the sole purpose of condensing the steam used for working such engines; and that, if any dispute should arise with any person desirous of taking water for the above purpose, or who should be in the use of taking the same, such dispute should be finally determined by certain Commissioners.

A declaration in case by the Company stated that the canal had been made and maintained by them in pursuance of the Act; that defendants, having steam engines within the prescribed distance of the canal, had, after notice to the Company, laid down pipes communicating with the canal, and that defendants had used the water drawn off by such pipes for other purposes than condensing the steam of their engines.

It was objected in arrest of judgment, and afterwards on writ of error, that the declaration did not shew any conveyance or ownership of the canal or water; nor did it shew any invasion of a private right, or damage to such a right, inasmuch as the act complained of, if wrongful, was clearly prohibited by statute, so that a repetition of the act could never be used as evidence that it was rightful; also that the remedy was by indictment as for the violation of a statutory provision; and, further, that the complaint was a dispute over which the Commissioners under the Act had exclusive jurisdiction: Held by Exch. Ch., affirming the judgment of Q. B.:

That the declaration was good; that it must be taken that the Company was in possession of the canal; and that, without averment of special damage, the wrongful act appeared to be a damage to the Company's right; that the disputes over which the Commissioners had jurisdiction were disputes with persons, either about to use or in the actual use of the canal water for a

purpose, as to the mode of such water, and that the provision reference to the Commission not apply to a mere wrongful

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Judicial consent of Commissioners under a canal act.

By statute incorporating a Canal Company, all persons seised of freehold or copyhold estates of 100*l.* per annum in the county of G., and all persons residing therein and having personal estates of the value of 2000*l.*, were appointed Commissioners for settling all questions and differences between the Company and the land-owners, with power to take evidence on oath, and to assess compensation unless the parties should desire to have it assessed by a jury. The determinations of the Commissioners, the verdicts of the juries, and the Commissioners' judgments thereon, were to be deposited with the Clerk of the peace amongst the records of the Sessions. All the orders and proceedings of the Commissioners were to be entered in a book, and, being signed by them, to be deemed originals and received as evidence. Before acting, the Commissioners were to take an oath truly and impartially to execute their powers. No Commissioner was to act when interested. The Canal Company were to make bridges over the canal for the convenience of land-owners, as the Commissioners should order; but, if land-owners should find any of the bridges so ordered insufficient for the commodious use of the land, they were empowered, with the consent of the Canal Company, or, in case of their refusal for twenty-one days, then with

the consent and approbation of the Commissioners, to make convenient bridges at their own costs.

By an entry of the Commissioners' proceedings, made as above, it appeared that a land-owner had applied to the Commissioners at a meeting convened by public notice under the Act, for their sanction to the building of a bridge at his own cost; and that the Commissioners, after hearing evidence for the applicant, and counsel for the Company in opposition to the claim, gave their consent.

Held that the consent was a judicial act, and that the entry of it might be brought up by certiorari.

The application was on behalf of *B.*, the owner of lands adjoining the canal: in fact, however, the bridge was not wanted for the use of his lands, but to bring coals from a colliery lying beyond them, which coals would be carried by the proposed bridge across the canal to a railway, and by that railway to the town of *C.*, instead of going by the canal. The Chairman and several directors and shareholders of the Railway Company were sworn and acted as Commissioners when the application was heard and granted.

Held that, by reason of the interest they had in the result, the proceedings were void.

Quære, whether the accidental intrusion of one interested person, out of so large a body of Commissioners, would have vitiated the proceedings.

The statute enacted that *no meeting of the Commissioners should be held unless notice of the time &c. of such meeting should be given in a county newspaper at least sixteen days before such meeting.*

By above mentioned entry, returned to a certiorari, it appeared that the meeting was held on *February* 12th, in pursuance "of a summons and notice in the *M. G.* newspaper" (a county paper) "of the 27th of *January.*" The notice, as well as the newspaper, was dated of that day.

Held, that the notice was insufficient, and that, on this ground also, the proceedings were bad and must be quashed. Although it appeared by affidavit that copies of the newspaper dated 27th

were in fact published and circulated on the 26th. *Regina v. Aberdare Canal Company*, 854.

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 - When an indictment at Sessions, under stat. 25 G. 2. c. 36., for keeping a disorderly house, has been removed by prosecutor or defendant into the Central Criminal Court under stat. 4 & 5 W. 4. c. 36. s. 16., the opposite party may remove it again into this Court, notwithstanding stat. 25 G. 2. c. 36. s. 10. *Regina v. Brier*, 568.
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Papers of the Clerk appointed, under Statute, by the Marshal of that office was the Court of Queen's Bench frequently within the 11 *G. 4. & 1 W. 4. c. 36.*

Held, therefore, that the Papers of the Clerk are entitled to insist on the fees sanctioned by the Commissioners under Statute in order that he may be paid to the Treasury. 820.

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1. For summonses in the Police District.

By the Metropolitan Police Act, 10 *G. 4. c. 44. s. 1*, by justices of peace for offence against the Act to the Receiver of the Police District, to apply all moneys raised by the Act &c. of the police charges and expenses of the Act into execution. *Vict. c. 47. s. 2 & 4 Vict. c. 84.*, certified by magistrates within the Police District to the Receiver, with salaries, expenses, and in carrying out the Act, and to apply the same to the Receiver. And the clerk of the Police District within the district, for which he has been established, to receive from the amount received by the Receiver the amo

summonses granted on the application of officers of the police force.

Held : that the clerks were entitled to such fees ; but that they were not entitled to deduct them from the amount payable to the Receiver, or in any way to recover them from him, the payment of such fees not falling under the description of carrying the Acts into execution. *Wray v. Chapman*, 742.

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Under stats. 27 G. 2. c. 3., 10 G. 4. c. 44., 2 & 3 Vict. c. 47., and 11 & 12 Vict.

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c. 42., if a prisoner be committed for trial for felony to the county gaol, for an offence committed in the county within the Metropolitan police district, the committal being by a county magistrate within such county and district, and the warrant be delivered to a Metropolitan police constable, a county magistrate may order repayment by the county treasurer to the Metropolitan police constable of the expenses incurred by him in conveying the prisoner to the gaol, the prisoner himself having no funds available for that purpose. And the county treasurer is liable to an action on the case if he refuse to pay under such order.

It makes no difference that the warrant, on the face of it, is directed to the parish constable : because (1) the proper persons to execute it are the Metropolitan police constables ; (2) the treasurer is not authorised to inquire whether the proper constable has executed the warrant, but must obey the order.

So, in the case of a committal for trial for misdemeanour.

So, in the case of summary conviction, and sentence of fine, and imprisonment in default of payment, and committal upon such default, by order under stat. 11 & 12 Vict. c. 43. s. 23.

So, in the case of a remand on a charge of felony or misdemeanour, whether the prisoner is ultimately committed for trial or not.

So, where the warrant of commitment is directed only to the keeper of the county gaol.

So, where the magistrate who issues the warrant is a Police magistrate, sitting in a Metropolitan Police Court, under stat. 10 G. 4. c. 44., 2 & 3 Vict. c. 71.

So, where the magistrate who makes the order on the treasurer is such a Police magistrate.

So, where there is no express direction of the warrant.

So, where the committal is for a refusal to enter into recognizances to appear at Sessions, and to keep the peace in the meantime.

So, where the committal is for further examination, on a charge of felony or misdemeanour, but the prisoner

is afterwards summarily convicted of misdemeanour.

But, where a prisoner is remanded for re-examination, and the keeper of the gaol delivers such prisoner to a constable to be conveyed before the magistrates, the constable is not entitled to be remunerated from the county rate for the expense of such conveyance.

Though he would be so entitled if he conveyed him before the magistrate by order of the magistrate. *Leverick v. Mercer*, 759.

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A Joint Stock Company provisionally registered under stat. 7 & 8 Vict. c. 110. cannot assume a title denominating it a corporation.

The Court, therefore, refused to compel the Registrar by mandamus to register a proposed change of the name of such Company from *The Sea, Fire, &c. Assurance Company*, to *The Sea, Fire, &c. Assurance Corporation*.

Although a mandamus to the Registrar had been granted, and the objection on his part to the legality of such change was first raised upon the return. *Regina v. Whitmarsh*, 803.

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The *South Wales Railway Company*, having power to take and purchase lands and to construct a railway according to the plans and books of reference deposited under their Act, gave notice to the *Llanelly Railway and Dock Company* that they (the *South Wales Railway Company*) required to purchase a small piece of land, on part of which the *Llanelly Railway* was actually constructed, such piece of land being set out, in the said plans and books of reference, as part of the proposed line of the *South Wales Railway*: but they afterwards refused to issue their warrant to the sheriff to assess the amount of purchase money, on the ground that the *Llanelly Railway and Dock Company* had no power under their Act to sell any portion of land on which their railway was constructed.

Held, on mandamus to the *South Wales Railway Company* to issue their warrant, that, as there was no express clause in any special or general Act of parliament, which authorised either the *Llanelly Railway and Dock Company* to sell any part of their actual line of railway, or the *South Wales Railway Company* to purchase it, the authority was not to be implied from the general power given to the *South Wales Railway Company* to make their line, and to purchase lands, according to their deposited plans and books of reference. *Regina v. South Wales Railway Company*, 902.

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A compensation jury, of the city of *L.*, awarded compensation to a landowner under stat. 8 & 9 *Vict.* s. 6., in respect of the works of a railway Company, by which he alleged that his land was injuriously affected.

The land was divided from the railway works by a river. The land lay in the city; the works were not. The mode in which the works injuriously affected the land was, that they obstructed the access to a ferry over the river and appurtenant to the land. The question. Held:

That, as the land lay in the city, the inquisition was rightly taken there.

That the ferry might pass with the land, under a conveyance of the land with "all profits and commodities belonging to the same;" and that, where, as far as living memory went, the land and ferry had always been enjoyed by the same person, and there was no evidence to shew that they ever had been the subjects of separate conveyances, a compensation jury were justified in concluding that the ferry did pass with the land under the above words. In all events, that there was no such want of jurisdiction as to call for a certiorari or prohibition. *Regina v. Great Northern Railway Company*, 25.

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* An indictment for conspiracy alleged
that C. died possessed of *East India*
stock, leaving a widow ; that defend-
ants, unlawfully, &c., conspired by false
pretences and false swearing &c., un-
lawfully &c., to obtain the " means
and power " of obtaining such stock :
that, in pursuance of such conspiracy,
defendants caused to be exhibited in
the Prerogative Court of *Canterbury*
a false affidavit made by one of them,
in which the deponent stated that C.'s
widow had died without taking out
administration to C., and that deponent
was one of her children : and it then
alleged that defendants fraudulently
obtained to deponent, as one of the
children of C., a grant of administration
to his estate. The indictment con-
tained other similar overt acts, and
charged that by means of them de-
fendants did obtain the means and
power &c., and did get possession of
the said stock.

On motion in Q. B. to arrest the
judgment, on the ground that a charge
of conspiracy to obtain the " means
and power " of obtaining the stock
did not describe any offence :

Seemle, that the statement of the
overt acts done in furtherance of the
object of conspiracy was so interwoven
with the charge of conspiracy itself as
to shew an unlawful conspiracy. But

Held, that, at all events, the overt
acts in themselves constituted a mis-
demeanour, on which the Court could
legally pronounce judgment.

Admitted, that a count which merely
charged a conspiracy in the same
manner without alleging the overt acts
was bad.

W., being indicted in Q. B. for a
conspiracy, pleaded Guilty ; whereupon
it was adjudged that he be convicted ;
and a day was given him, by cur. adv.
vult, to hear judgment ; and he was
afterwards outlawed for non-appear-
ance. He afterwards came into Court
in custody, and brought error in Q. B.,
assigning error in the record, process
and publication of outlawry, and in
pronouncing the judgment of con-
viction, and praying that the outlawry

and conviction might be reversed, and that he might be restored to all he had lost by the outlawry. The Coroner, for the Crown, joined in error, pleading that neither in the record and process, nor in the publication of the outlawry, nor in pronouncing the judgment of conviction, was there error; and praying that the outlawry might be confirmed. It was admitted that the process of outlawry was erroneous. Held, in Q. B.: that it was sufficient to give judgment merely reversing the outlawry, without any notice of the judgment of conviction. Judgment affirmed in Exch. Chamber.

Per Lord Denman C. J.: One of two defendants, convicted of conspiracy, may bring error on the judgment without the other.

The following points were decided by the Court of Exchequer Chamber:

1. *W.* not having appeared on the day given him to hear judgment (as above), a *capias* issued, which was followed up by process of outlawry. Afterwards the outlawry was reversed, and judgment passed on the conviction. Upon error brought on this judgment, Held that no objection could be taken to want of continuances from the time of the non-appearance to that of the reversal of outlawry, the discontinuances up to the outlawry merely affecting the outlawry, which had been reversed; and no continuances being necessary during the proceeding to, or existence of, the outlawry.

2. The record of Q. B. (into which Court the indictment had been removed by certiorari) commenced "Pleas before" &c. "of the term of *Saint Michael*, in the 4th year" of *W. 4.*, being the term of the appearance of defendant in Q. B. Then followed regular continuances down to the non-appearance: then the outlawry: and then, after an interval of several terms, an entry "*Hilary* term in the 9th year of the reign of Queen *Victoria*," being the term in which the defendant was brought into Court after the outlawry: then an entry "and now, that is to say on the 26th day of *January* in this same term;" recording the bringing in of the defendant. Held that this was a sufficient commence-

ment of the proceedings subsequent to the outlawry, without a fresh *Placita*

3. Held also, that it was sufficient for the record to state that the defendant, "being a prisoner in custody by virtue of a warrant theretofo issued upon the said judgment of conviction and outlawry, is brought custody aforesaid into Court here without further describing the process under which he was taken.

4. The jury process was made returnable on one of the three before full term; and on the same a continuance by new venire awarded. Held, not erroneous; as much as the return day was formable to stat. 1 *W. 4. c. 3.* and the Court, though not sitting the dispatch of business before term, might award the continuances on the return days.

5. That, even if there had been a discontinuance in the jury process, the defendant waived the objection by afterwards pleading Guilty.

6. Two defendants being indicted for conspiracy, one of them cannot, on writ of error, object to a discontinuance in the process against the other. *Wright v. The Queen*, 148.

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S. and another, the deacons of a
Baptist Congregation, being receivers
of its general funds, and managers of
its finances, bound themselves (by writ-
ing) to J. E., then resigning the office
of minister of the church, to repay
him, with half-yearly interest, 700*l*,
which he had advanced for the build-
ing of a chapel. Besides the general
revenue above mentioned, there were
funds vested in trustees, which were
usually applied to the maintenance of
the minister for the time being, and
were likewise applicable to the relief
of the poor. After the undertaking to
J. E., a new minister was appointed;
and he agreed with the Congregation
that he would be responsible to S., who
was still deacon, and to any future
deacon or deacons, for the continued
repayment of J. E.'s debt; and he also
consented that periodical payments of
it should be made out of the trust
funds. S. afterwards resigned; and
the new minister gave him a written
undertaking as follows:—

"In consideration of your having
resigned the office of deacon and your
connection with the Baptist Church"
at &c., "I hereby agree to hold myself
responsible to you for the payment of
the sum of 150*l*, due to the Rev. J. E.
by the Baptist Church" &c., "and also
the interest for the same, at the rate"
of 5 per cent., payable half yearly,"

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paid, for which you" "became re-
sponsible" &c. "by an instrument
&c. (the writing first above mentioned).
Held, on argument of a special case,

in an action by S. on this promise, that
the written instrument given by the
minister shewed a valid contract;
that the words might import either
past or a concurrent consideration
S.'s part, and that construction was
to be preferred which made the inst-
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ie benefit of stat. 48 G. 3. c.
or, since stat. 1 & 2 *Vict. c.* 110.
), such award of costs is, for
ose of stat. 48 G. 3. c. 123.,
nt to a judgment, without any
order of the Court. *Re Lilley*
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ty with their own practice es-
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an appeal because notice was
of the entry and respite, and
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diction, and is not misinformed as to
the facts on which jurisdiction depends.

The plaintiff, who dwelt and carried
on business at *Cambridge*, out of the ju-
risdiction of the *Spilsby* county court,
was sued in that court by leave of the
judge, under stat. 9 & 10 *Vict. c.* 95.
s. 60., the cause of action having arisen
within the jurisdiction of the court;
and judgment was duly obtained against
him. Afterwards, while the plaintiff
still dwelt and carried on business at
Cambridge, a judgment summons was
issued by order of the judge of the
Spilsby court under sect. 98, calling
upon the plaintiff to be examined as to
his estate and effects, and, the plaintiff
not appearing, the judge, knowing the
facts, but believing, nevertheless, that
he had authority, made an order that
the plaintiff should be committed for
his contempt.

Held, that the commitment was
without jurisdiction, and that, as the
judge had ordered it under a mistake
of the law and not of the facts, he was
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cations of a superior officer.

The Deputy Sealer in the Court of
Chancery performed his duty, of affix-
ing the Great Seal to certain instru-

ments, in a room called the Sealer's room, adjoining the Court at *Westminster* or *Lincoln's Inn* where the Lord Chancellor sat for the time being; or in a room called the Sealer's room at the House of Lords when the Lord Chancellor attended the House judicially; and at other times in the Great Seal Patent Office, *Quality Court, Chancery Lane*.

Held, that the Sealer's room or office, not being a fixed place, but shifting with the avocations of the Lord Chancellor, could not be deemed a place of business for the purpose of giving jurisdiction to a county court within sect. 128 of stat. 9 & 10 *Vict. c. 95*.

And *quære* whether the duty performed by the Deputy Sealer was a business at all, within that section. *Rolfe v. Learmonth*, 196.

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Held, that, if such a plea admits the title to be in question, it is bad, for want of jurisdiction in the judge, by stat. 9 & 10 *Vict. c. 95. s. 58.*; but, if it be taken as pleading the decision of a competent court, it is equally bad; for, although the inferior court must determine the point in the first in-

stance, yet, there being no writ of error from the county court, the question must be open to the superior Courts on motion for a prohibition; and, on declaration in prohibition, the question is one of fact, to be decided by evidence. *Thompson v. Ingham*, 710.

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was empowered by Acts of parliament to make a canal; and he was authorised thereby to supply the canal with brooks within five hundred yards of, to dig and trench the adjacent land and remove earth, trees and other obstructions thereon, for making, using and maintaining the canal and towing and making, &c., trenches and courses, with similar powers as to roads and other conveniences connected with the canal; to inclose and appropriate such parts of the lands as might be proper for wharfs or quays; to lay up &c. posts, ditches and fences, and other necessary for separating the canal from the adjacent lands; to dig up earth and other materials required for the works; and to do and perform all things necessary for the canal, maintaining and convenient to the canal. It was provided that the Act should authorise *B.* to use the land for any other purpose than that of navigation. Provisions were made for the purchase and sale of such land as should be wanted, for assessment of the price and the damages to be paid by *B.* for the use of or injury to the lands: and, if he should be in possession of any lands for a certain space of time without using them for the purposes he was to reconvey his right of interest therein: and it was provided that the works and things made in or upon a certain part of the canal should become the property of *B.* It was also provided, that no right to the soil of lands adjoining to the canal, and not used to the purposes thereof under the powers of the Act (not being those comprehended under the last mentioned proviso), passed to *B.* where there had been no actual purchase. The title of the said adjoining lands was the property of the Crown, in the Duchy of Lancaster; and the lands cannot be parted with by the Crown except under certain statutory regulations imposed by 1 stat. c. 7. s. 5. The canal Acts in

question are later. The clauses authorising the user of the lands, and providing for compensation for such user, mentioned the Crown, either expressly or by direct reference: the clauses confined to authorising the purchase and providing for the assessment of the price mentioned only bodies politic, corporate, &c., parties having especial interest as guardians, trustees, executors, &c., and "all and every other person and persons whomsoever." Contracts of purchase were to be enrolled with the clerk of the peace. On payment or tender of the purchase money, the lands purchased were to vest in *B.* Held, that the Crown had no power to convey lands under these clauses; and that, supposing such power to exist, no purchase could be inferred from the exercise by *B.* of the powers of entry and user given by the Act; especially as no evidence of an enrolment was produced.

Conceded, that, upon the above construction of the statute, there could be no adverse possession by *B.* using the Crown land under the powers given by the Acts:

And, therefore, that, *B.* having within the time of limitation begun to occupy part of the Crown lands for purposes not connected with the canal, ejectment lay, on the demise of a lessee of the Crown, for lands so occupied, whether they had or had not been also used for the purposes of the canal under the statutory powers. But that possession was not to be given to the lessor of the plaintiff in such a manner as to interfere with *B.*'s easement. *Doe dem. The Queen v. Archbishop of York*, 81.

2. Adverse possession against, 81.

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1. What grant unauthorised: effect as a grant of a rent seck.

Henry VIII., being seised of lands in fee in right of his Crown, granted them, by letters patent, in tail male to

W., reserving rent to himself, his heirs and successors. After the passing of stats. 22 C. 2. c. 6. and 22 & 23 C. 2. c. 24., *Charles II.*, by letters patent referring to and professing to pursue the former statute, granted the rent to trustees named in sect. 2 of stat. 22 & 23 C. 2. c. 24., their heirs and assigns; and the trustees granted the rent to a Dean and chapter, and their successors for ever. Held in Q. B., and by the Court of Exchequer Chamber on error, that the grant to the trustees was not authorised by either statute, the rent being reserved upon an estate whereof the reversion was in the Crown, and therefore being within the exception in sect. 5 of stat. 22 C. 2. c. 6.

Held in Q. B., and *Semble* by Exch. Ch. on error, that on demurrer to an avowry for a distress on the land by the Dean and chapter, stating the conveyances as above, but not setting out the recitals or the terms of the grants, it was to be taken that the truth appeared on the face of the grant of the rent to the trustees, and therefore that the Crown did not appear to be deceived (as not having the power to grant the rent in fee simple), nor was the grant void on that account; but that it operated, not as a grant in fee simple, but of a rent determinable on the failure of the estate tail: and, further, that there was thus no ground for the objection, that a subject might have a right to distrain on the Crown when the reversion fell in: although the avowry alleged that the trustees became seised in fee of the rent. Also that the grant in effect, by severing the rent from the reversion, converted it from a rent service to a rent seck; which, if paid for three years of the space mentioned in stat. 4 G. 2. c. 28. s. 5., might be distrained for.

Held by Q. B., and *Semble* by Exch. Ch. on error, that the grant of such rent seck by the trustees to a Dean and chapter was not void by the Statutes of mortmain, the rent not being perpetual.

Held by Q. B., that it was sufficient to aver in the avowry, that the rent reserved became due and in arrear, without an express averment of the continuance of the estate tail. *Semble* contrà, by Exch. Ch. on error.

Held, by Exch. Ch. on error, that the avowry was bad on general demurrer for not expressly averring a tortment by the terre-tenant to the grant by the trustees, or that such grant was made after stat. 4 Ann. 16.; and the defect was not supplied by an averment that the rent had been paid, not saying to whom, and not saying that the payment was in the name of the grantor; nor by an averment following the statement of the fact by the trustees, "whereupon whereby" the grantees became were seised of the rent, and an averment that the rent was due and in arrear to them. *Vigers v. Dean of Paul's*, 911.

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 - 1. Necessity for averring plaintiff's readiness and performance of conditions precedent.

Assumpsit on an agreement "to give yearly free to the plaintiff during three years twenty tons of coals, to be put free on board ship at *Cardiff* for the use of the plaintiff." Breach, that defendants did not give plaintiff yearly or at any time during the said three years twenty tons of coals &c.; in the terms of the contract. Held bad for want of an averment by the plaintiff that he was ready and willing to receive the coals, and that he had named a ship on which the defendant was to deliver them. *Armitage v. Insole*, 728.
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- I. Recitals.

Effect as an estoppel : whose language they are.

By indenture between plaintiff and defendant, reciting, inter alia, that defendant had advanced money to O. on the security of certain deeds, and that defendant was interested in those deeds to that extent, and that it had been agreed that plaintiff should make further advances to O., and that defendant should assign the deeds and his interest therein to plaintiff as a security, defendant assigned them to plaintiff, and covenanted that the money so advanced to O. by defendant was due and unsatisfied to him.

In an action on this deed, assigning as breach that the money was not due at the time of making the covenant :
Held, that the recital, that the money had been advanced, was to be taken as the language of the defendant only, and did not estop the plaintiff from saying that it had not been advanced.

Where a recital is intended to be an agreement of both parties to admit a fact, it estops both parties; but it is a question of construction whether the recital is so intended. *Stroughill v. Buck*, 781.

- II. Estoppel by.
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- I. Statute of limitations.

Barred by publication within the period to plaintiff's agent.

The first count, in an action for a libel, was in respect of a newspaper published more than seventeen years before action brought. The Statute of limitations being pleaded : Held, that the plea was negatived by proof that a single copy had been purchased from defendant for plaintiff, by plaintiff's agent, within the six years.

Other counts were in respect of other libels, alleged to impute to plaintiff the libellous matter charged in the

first count, which was set out by way of inducement in each count. The libels themselves, in these other counts, did not refer to that in the first count. The Statute of limitations was pleaded to so much of these counts as related to the matter in the first count. Held, that the plea was negatived as to these counts also; and, further, that it was not necessary to tell the jury, in estimating the damages as to such matter, to take into consideration the fact that the only publication proved had been the sale to the agent. *Brunswick, Duke of, v. Harmer*, 185.

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I. How to be proceeded against when he is abroad, 446. *Appearance*, I.

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I. Letter containing

1. Admissibility of, in evidence.

Assumpsit for money had and received. Plea: Non assumpsit. Particular of demand, for "cash received by the defendant from *D.*, being 10*s.* in the pound on a debt of 52*l.* 5*s.* at one time due from plaintiff to defendant, which had been previously paid by plaintiff to defendant." On the trial, a letter from *D.* to defendant was received in evidence. It stated that, through an oversight, 10*s.* in the pound had been paid to the defendant, though the debt of 52*l.* 5*s.* had been previously satisfied by the payment of 39*l.* 10*s.* and the deduction of discount, and it requested that defendant would return the amount. No answer was sent. Evidence was given as to the payment of 39*l.* 10*s.* The judge, in summing up, said that the statements in the letter were no evidence of the truth

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of the matters therein stated, but that the jury might draw an inference from the defendant's silence on receiving such a demand. And he left it to the jury to say, on the whole evidence, whether the debt of 52*l.* 5*s.* was or was not discharged before the payment referred to by *D.* Verdict for plaintiff.

Held, on motion for a new trial, that the letter was properly received, being in substance a demand, and containing such statements only as might fairly accompany a demand: and that there was no misdirection, as the payment of a smaller sum, with discount, was a sufficient discharge of the larger debt to bear out the allegation in the particular. *Gaskill v. Skene*, 664.

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3. Inference from silence in respect of, 664. *Antè*, 1.

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I. Whether for life or in fee.

1. Absence of words of inheritance.

J. Payne, having two sons, *Edward* and *John*, and four daughters, *Ann*, *Elizabeth*, *Mary* and *Sarah*, by his will (dated before 1st January 1838) recited that he had surrendered, or intended to surrender, all that part of his estates which were copyhold to the use of his will. He gave to *Edward* and his heirs and assigns for ever all his estates lying in *N.*, on condition of his paying an annuity to the four daughters, "or to the heirs of their body, share and share alike." He gave to *John* land at *Stotfold* and *W.*, without words of inheritance, but adding

"I give the above to him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, upon condition" of paying an annuity to the daughters "or the heirs of their body, share and share alike." He gave to *Ann* and *Sarah* each a cottage, without words of inheritance. "I give unto my son *John* *The Meeting House*," "if it is not made freehold, to save the expense of so many fines. But my will is for *John* to let *Edward*, *Ann*, *Elizabeth*, *Mary* and *Sarah* have equal shares with him, the same as if it was freehold and gave amongst them. I give all the land I bought of *Mr. Burton*," "to *Ann*, *Elizabeth*, *Edward*, *John*, *Mary* and *Sarah* *Payne*, as likewise *The Meeting House* and appurtenances, if it made free, share and share equally amongst them. If *John* refuse to let them have share of the *Meeting*, he to forfeit all his *Stotfold* estate, to be divided amongst them. I give unto *Edward* *Payne* and *John* *Payne* all the estate as I bought of *Mr. Reynolds*, lying in the parishes of *C.* and *W.*," "equally between, on condition of their paying 10*l.* a year to my daughters, their heirs or assigns: that is to say, 2*l.* a year to *Ann*" &c., "their heirs and assigns for ever." The will gave special directions as to the occupation and management of the *Stotfold* property, as to certain pecuniary legacies and the disposal of the surplus, as to mourning, funeral &c., and appointed a trustee and executors. The will appeared to be drawn by an un instructed person.

Held, that *Ann*, *Elizabeth*, *Edward*, *John*, *Mary* and *Sarah* took only an estate for life in the land bought of *Burton*: for that there were no words of inheritance as to this; and the rest of the will supplied no inference of an intention to give more than a life estate: especially, that the clause for forfeiture of the *Stotfold* estate was by way of penalty and not of substitution for *The Meeting House*; and no intention therefore could be inferred that *The Meeting House* was given in fee like the *Stotfold* estate: nor, therefore, could any such inference be made as to the land bought of *Burton*. *Doe dem. Payne v. Plyer*, 512.

2. Inference from other provisions in the will, 512. *Antè*, 1.

II. Provisions for failure of issue.

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Testator *J.* devised lands to his wife for her life; remainder to his daughter and only child *E.* for her life; remainder to her eldest son *R.* for his life; remainder to the first son of the body of *R.* and the heirs of the body of such first son; and, in default of such issue, to the second, third and every other son of the body of *R.*, severally and successively, with like remainders over: remainder, failing such issue of *R.*, to the second son of *E.* for his life, in case he should not become, or should not continue, seised of the real estates of *M. D.* deceased, under *M. D.*'s will, with like remainders over, subject to the same condition: remainder, failing such issue of the second son, to the third and every other son of *E.*, severally and successively, with like remainders over, subject to the same condition.

It was then declared by *J.*'s will that, if the said second son of *E.* or any son of the said *E.*, should at any time become seised of the real estates of *M. D.* by virtue or in consequence of his will, such son should not, nor should any heir of his body, take, have or enjoy any estate or interest in the now devised estates, so long as he should be so seised, but the same should go over to the next in succession of *E.*'s sons, and the heirs of his body, as if the son so seised of the estates of *M. D.* were dead without issue: but that, if such last mentioned son should afterwards become disabled by any condition in the will of *M. D.* from continuing to hold his estates, then, as soon as he should have quitted possession thereof, he should and might have, hold and enjoy the now devised estates according to the above limitations. Then came the following clause.

Provided that, if my said daughter (*E.*) "shall have no issue male of her body living at her death, or no such issue male as shall be entitled by the true meaning of this my will to my real estates, hereby limited and settled as aforesaid, then and in either of those cases I devise all my said real estates, subject respectively as aforesaid, to all

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daughters, if more than one, of body of my said daughter, who all be living at her death, as tenants in common, and their heirs respectively, with cross remainders "in case of any one or more of them dying under the age of 21 without issue; "and, if there should be but one such daughter living at my said daughter's decease, and no issue of any other such surviving daughter and her heirs." Then followed a provision for the case of daughters dying in E.'s life-time, leaving issue: and, in case E. should have no issue of her body living at her death, devise to such person and for such estate as E. should by deed or will appoint. Devise, for want of such appointment, and subject thereto, and to the several limitations and charges of the will, to testator's right heirs. And all the residue of his estate, not before effectually disposed of, testator gave to his said wife.

M. D., by his will (prior to that of the above testator), devised his lands to his nephew Sir J. E., Baronet, the husband of J.'s daughter E., for his life, remainder to the second and all the other sons of Sir J. E. (excluding the eldest), severally and successively, according to priority of birth, and to the heirs male of the bodies of such sons (excluding the eldest son, as above), respectively; remainders to the other nephews of M. D. in succession, with remainders to the first and other sons of each nephew, respectively, and the heirs male of the bodies of such sons, respectively: remainder to M. D.'s right heirs. Proviso, that, if the title of Baronet, vested in Sir J. E., should descend to his second or other son, or any person to whom the lands fore or at the time when such son or person should be in possession, the whole estate and interest therein limited to him by M. D.'s will should cease as if he were dead, and the person next in remainder should be entitled to enter upon and hold such lands.

The wife of J. the first mentioned testator entered under his will, and held for her life. E., his daughter, died in his life-time, intestate, having,

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at the time of her death, two sons and several daughters living. Her eldest son entered on the death of the testator's widow, and died without having had issue. The other son of E. was already deceased, not having had issue. Several of the daughters survived, and claimed the devised estates of J., against a devisee of the elder brother.

Held that, on a correct grammatical construction of the proviso in J.'s will, the devise to E.'s daughters took effect if E. should have no issue male of her body living at her death, or if, then or at any subsequent time, she should have no such issue male as would be entitled under J.'s will; the restrictive words "living at her death" not being common to both alternatives.

And that this construction agreed with the intentions of the testator J., to be inferred from the context of his will, the provisions in the will of M. D., and the other circumstances of the family. *Wilson v. Eden*, 256.

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be expelled : and that these facts had been proved before the justices.

In answer, it was sworn that *J.* had been charged with an act amounting to working while receiving the allowance ; that he had, at the meeting before the arbitrators, tendered evidence material to the merits of the case ; but that the arbitrators had refused to hear it, and had decided *ex parte* on the evidence given for the Society ; and that *J.* had not stated as alleged in the affidavit on the other side.

Held : that the finding by the justices of the arbitrators having neglected to award was not conclusive, that being a fact preliminary to the jurisdiction of the justices : but that, there being contradictory evidence before the justices on the question whether the arbitrators had refused to hear evidence on behalf of *J.*, the justices were warranted in considering the refusal proved ; and, if they did so consider, in finding that there was no award according to the rules of the Society ; and therefore that their order was not made without jurisdiction, and was good.

It was deposed that the Society was formed within the borough of *Leeds*, which is within the West Riding of *Yorkshire*, but has a Court of Quarter Sessions, and justices with exclusive jurisdiction ; that all the meetings were held, and all the business transacted, and the award made, within the borough ; but that *J.* resided, and the act with which he was charged took place, in the West Riding, without the borough.

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Held, that the Court will not grant time to file affidavits, for the purpose of disclosing matters not apparent on the return to a habeas corpus, unless the nature of the facts to be sworn to is suggested, and it appears such affidavits might be available.

And in this case liberty to file the proposed affidavits was refused, as the order of committal was that of the Vice-Chancellor, who had jurisdiction to decide whether there was proper ground for a committal, and this Court could not review such decision. *Re Dimes*, 554.

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Court of Queen's Bench should be of opinion that, *under the circumstances stated*, the road could be divided &c. by the said order of justices under the provisions of the statute, the order of Sessions was to be confirmed; if not, both orders to be quashed.

Held that, upon the case so stated, this Court, though the order of justices was made in the statutory form and confirmed at Sessions, might go into the whole question raised by the case; namely, whether there was evidence of a boundary intersecting the highway, or, if not, whether, upon the evidence, the two justices appeared to have had jurisdiction under the proviso.

Held that the case did not come within the enactment of sect. 58, as the evidence did not shew a boundary intersecting the highway. And that the proviso did not apply. Orders quashed. *Regina v. Perkins*, 229.

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Held: That the old public way was never effectually stopped; that the defined road set out was in effect the same way; and that the parish were still liable to repair it as a bridle road, and were not exonerated by the fact that it was now set out as a private carriage road also. *Regina v. Cricklade Saint Sampson*, 735.

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Held, by the Court of Queen's Bench: That the plaintiff's expected profit was an insurable interest and well insured by this policy.

And that it was not necessary to the plaintiff's right of recovery that the 4800 bags should have been actually on board; the ship having been at *Madras* ready to take in the cargo, and having been disabled from doing so by no cause but peril of the sea.

Held, by the Court of Exchequer Chamber, reversing the judgment in *Q. B.*:

That the plaintiff's interest in profit was insurable: But

That it was not properly insured by a policy in this form, except as to the rice actually put on board.

And that, if the rice on shore could have been considered a subject matter of the insurance under this policy, the loss in respect of such rice was not occasioned by peril of the sea, within the meaning of the policy, but was only consequential upon other loss occasioned by such peril. *M'Swiney v. Royal Exchange Assurance*, 634.

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The Court, therefore, refused to compel justices by mandamus to hear evidence on an information (with a view to prosecution by indictment) for an alleged perjury in depositions before the Ecclesiastical Court, when it appeared that the suit in which the depositions had been made was still depending, and that the justices had therefore held it improper to proceed on the information. *Regina v. Ingham*, 396.

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A tenant entered into possession of a house under such agreement, made with *A.* and *B.*, paid them rent, and so became tenant from year to year to

them, on such terms of the agreement as were not inconsistent with a yearly tenancy. Afterwards *A.* assigned all his interest in the premises to *B.* The tenant continued in occupation, and paid rent to *B.* singly. Held that, under these circumstances, it was to be presumed, in the absence of proof to the contrary, that the tenant had, in consideration of *B.* permitting him to continue, agreed to hold of *B.* on the terms on which he had held of *A.* and *B.*; and that an action lay at the suit of *B.* singly against the tenant for not putting the premises in repair and keeping them repaired; there being a stipulation to that effect in the agreement with *A.* and *B.*, and that being a term not inconsistent with a yearly holding. *Arden v. Sullivan*, 632.

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But mortuaries are not within stat. 7 & 8 W. 3. c. 6. s. 2., which authorises justices of the peace to adjudicate upon complaints of subtraction of "small tithes, offerings, oblations," and "obventions."

Justices of the peace made an order under the last-mentioned statute, reciting a complaint that certain parishioners had refused to pay to the parties entitled the oblations, obventions and other customary dues and payments arising, &c.; and the justices by their order adjudicated that there was due from those parishioners the sum of 10s., being the amount and value "of the said oblations, obventions, and other customary dues and payments which have become due" &c., "from them" &c., and ordered them to pay the said sum &c. In an action of trespass for a distress made under the order:

Held, that evidence was admissible, to shew that the 10s. were claimed before the justices in respect of a mortuary; there not being, on the face of the order, any finding of fact by which that extrinsic evidence was excluded.

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1. Explanation by drawings.

A plea which refers for explanation to drawings, not traced on the record but annexed to it, is inadmissible; and the Court, on motion (where the pleading related to the specification enrolled by a patentee), ordered such plea to be struck out.

Whether such plea would have been allowable (unless by consent) if the

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In an action for infringing a patent, the defendant, after pleading that the patent was granted on a representation that the invention was an invention of improvements in a specified article, whereas it was not an invention of improvements in such article, and so the patent was void, averred, by another plea, that the supposed invention was not of such use, benefit and advantage to the public as by law required to make it a consideration for granting a patent, whereby the patent was void. The Court, on motion, struck out the latter plea.

In an action for infringing a patent, if the defendant's notice of objections under stat. 5 & 6 W. 4. c. 83. s. 5. (see stat. 15 & 16 Vict. c. 83. s. 41.) is too general to give such information as the plaintiff is entitled to, it is no answer to a motion for better notice that the notice is as specific as the pleas. *Betts v. Walker*, 363.

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As, where, to an action by the second indorsee of a bill of exchange against the acceptor, defendant pleaded that the acceptance was obtained from him by fraud of the drawer, that the bill was overdue when indorsed by the drawer to the first indorsee, and that

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both indorsees, at the time of taking the bill, had notice of the premises.

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On appeal against a certificate given under stat. 6 & 7 *Vict. c.* 36. to exempt a Literary Society from rates, the Sessions quashed the certificate by an order reciting that, "Whereas *A.*, of," &c. "in the parish of *B.*, presented his petition and appeal, setting forth that by a certain certificate" he, "as a parishioner and ratepayer of the said parish," in which the society was situate, "conceived himself aggrieved." The order was removed by certiorari, and a rule obtained to quash it, on affidavits that the Sessions had decided erroneously on a preliminary objection.

Held, that it was not competent to raise such a question in this form.

Held, also, that it sufficiently appeared by the order that the appellant was assessed to rates from which the Society was exempted; and that the order was good on the face of it. *Regina v. Stacey*, 789.

VI. Rateable value: deductions.

1. What salaries and collateral expenses not to be deducted.

By stat. 6 & 7 *W. 4. c.* cxxxvi., in-

corporating *The London Cemetery Company*, the Company were required periodically to appoint directors, who should manage the business and concerns of the Company (subject to their control), keep and use the common seal, have the custody of books, deeds, &c., call meetings, purchase and sell lands, appoint and displace chaplains and other officers, allow them stipends, take of them securities, make contracts touching the Company's undertaking, regulate the mode of interment and the disposition of vaults, catacombs and graves, and the sums to be paid for exclusive right of burial therein and for placing monuments &c., direct the issuing, receiving and disposal of the Company's moneys, and all their other dealings, superintend their correspondence and the keeping of their accounts, and do all other things necessary for carrying on their business and maintaining actions or suits in their name in respect of debts or contracts &c. relative to their moneys, &c., and making, enforcing, and rescinding contracts, &c.: Also auditors who should examine the report, to be made by the directors, of disbursements and receipts, audit the accounts from which the report was drawn, and inspect the vouchers &c.

The Company had two cemeteries, in *Middlesex* and *Surrey*. The duties and authority of the directors extended to both.

On appeal by the Company against a poor-rate on one of the cemeteries:

Held, that they were not entitled to deduct from the rateable value under the Parochial Assessment Act, 6 & 7 *W. 4. c. 96. s. 1.*, the salaries of the directors and auditors, and the expenses of an office in *London*, at which the directors transacted the Company's business. *Regina v. St. Giles, Camberwell*, 571.

2. Personal remuneration to directors.

On appeal by *The Southampton Dock Company* against a poor rate, and case stated for the opinion of this Court, the appellants claimed deductions from the amount at which the rateable value of their property was assessed, as follows. (It is not thought necessary to state the first head).

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Held, an allowable deduction.

4. Cranes, steam engines, shears, and other heavy machinery, attached to the freehold and essential to the business, but capable of being detached as easily and with as little injury to the freehold as other fixtures put up for the purposes of the tenant's trade and usually valued as between incoming and outgoing tenant.

Held, not an allowable deduction.

5. The income tax which a tenant would have to pay on his net profits after payment of his rent.

Held, not an allowable deduction.
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Children of *Irish* parents.

The children, born in *England*, of an *Irish* father and an *Irish* mother became chargeable, while under the age of sixteen, after the father had deserted them and the mother had died.

Held, that they were removeable to the parish of their birth, notwithstanding stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 117. s. 2.*; that enactment not making *English*-born children removeable directly, but only as part of the family of a parent who is removed. *Regina v. All Saints, Derby*, 207.

XI. Settlement by estate.

1. Equitable right acquired for less

than 30 $\frac{1}{2}$., followed by conveyance for more.

A building club was formed by subscribers to an indenture, which recited the purpose to be raising a capital stock for erecting dwelling houses; and they agreed to articles, which provided: That every subscriber should pay 6s. 8d. monthly: freehold land was to be purchased by the club for erecting houses: each member to take as many houses as he should have shares: the houses to be built according to a plan annexed, and under the inspection of the agents of the Society: the order in which the members should take the houses to be determined by lot, till all the shares should be drawn: no member to mortgage his house till the conclusion of the Society, but each to pay rent to the officers, which was to be deemed a vesting of property in them: no subscriber to have power to let or sell his house till security should be given to the satisfaction of the president: the monthly payments and rents to be placed to the funds of the Society till the whole subscriptions should be completed and all the dwelling houses be allotted, and possession of them given to the respective subscribers; the president meanwhile to have the power of distraining for the rent: if a member, after being put in possession of a house, should lock his door, quit the neighbourhood for six months, and neglect to pay his monthly payments and rents, the president and steward might take possession of the house and let or sell it: at the determination of the Society, each member was to be fully entitled to his share, and a conveyance thereof at his own expense; the surplus stock to be divided; and meanwhile each member to pay 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ l. yearly, and to forfeit his share upon making default of any of the payments provided for: the Society not to be broken up while six members existed, or before all the buildings should be completed.

The club contracted for the purchase of land, and commenced building without any conveyance being made to them. The land was afterwards, by deed to which the club was party, mortgaged to A. for money advanced

to the club. The whole purchase money paid by the club amounted to more than 30*l.*, but not to so much as 30*l.* for each subscriber. In 1824 and 1825, *E.*, a member of the club, drew his share, had a house built for him, and entered into possession; and he paid rent till the mortgage was paid off, when the mortgagee conveyed the house to *E.* and the other members severally. The club had shortly before ended, the shares having been paid up and the houses built. At the time when the club ended, *E.*'s monthly and annual payments, exclusive of rent, exceeded 30*l.*; but such payments made before he came into possession did not amount to 30*l.* The house was not of the annual value of 10*l.*

Held that *E.* acquired a settlement by residence in the house after the conveyance to him, not having had any legal or equitable estate until the time of such conveyance, and having before that time paid more than 30*l.*, so as to satisfy stat. 9 *G.* 1. c. 7. s. 5. *Regina v. Carlton*, 110.

2. Share in building club, 110. *Antè*, 1.
3. Equitable right, 110. *Antè*, 1.
4. How to be stated in grounds of appeal.

On appeal against an order for maintenance of a lunatic pauper, under stat. 8 & 9 *Vict.* c. 126. s. 62., by a parish adjudged to be the last place of legal settlement, the grounds of appeal stated a settlement by reason of the pauper's mother being *entitled to and in possession of a freehold tenement* situate in the respondent parish, and having resided there for forty days up to and at the time of the order, the pauper being unemancipated. It was not stated whether the estate was purchased, or how aquired. Held that, upon grounds so generally stated, the appellants could not prove that the mother had purchased a freehold estate in the parish, and resided thereon.

On such an appeal, it is not a good objection to the order, that the lunatic pauper was not brought before the justice by warrant from him after notice from the relieving officer, according to

stat. 8 & 9 *Vict.* c. 126. s. 48., the enactments in that respect being directory only, and the justice having jurisdiction, in whatever way such lunatic pauper is brought before him. *Regina v. Rhyddlan*, 327.

XII. Settlement: acknowledgment by relief.

1. Request by clerk of union as evidence against a township therein comprised.

The clerk to the Guardians of *W.* Union, comprising, among other places, the township of *Wigan*, wrote to the Guardians of *L.* Union, stating that he was directed to request them to relieve, on account of the *W.* Union, certain paupers resident in the Union of *L.* and chargeable there. The clerk added a schedule, stating, among other particulars, that the paupers were settled in *Wigan*. The *L.* Union thereupon advanced money to the paupers, and the sum was repaid to them by the clerk of *W.* Union.

Held, on appeal against an order of removal to *Wigan*, that these facts were *prima facie* evidence of an acknowledgment by *Wigan* that the paupers were settled there, without proof of a written order by the *W.* Guardians, and without further evidence of the circumstances under which the clerk was directed to write. *Regina v. Wigan*, 287.

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XIII. Residence under certificate.

What conduct of settlement parish is an admission of the certificate.

Examinations before two justices removing a pauper from parish *B.* to parish *W.* shewed that the pauper was a bastard, born before 1834, in a third parish, *C.*; that his mother was at the time of his birth settled in *W.*; that before her confinement the overseers of *C.* told her that she should not stay there unless a certificate from parish *W.* was obtained; that after this the overseer of *W.*, took her to affiliate the child, and gave her relief whilst she remained in *C.*; and that parish *W.*, for six years, supported the pauper in *C.* after the mother had left *C.* On

appeal against the order of removal the Sessions stopped the case, on the ground that the examinations disclosed a *prima facie* birth settlement in *C.*, and that no certificate from *W.* to *C.* was produced, nor any evidence given that such certificate was lost.

Held, that the conduct of the overseers of *W.* was evidence of an admission by that parish that there existed such a certificate as was required to settle the pauper in *W.*; for that an admission of the effect of a written instrument by a party to a cause supercedes the necessity of producing or accounting for such instrument, equally whether the admission be made in words, or be inferred from acts. *Regina v. Basingstoke*, 611.

XIV. Orders on taking off suspension.

When bad for not shewing that they are made within the jurisdiction.

Justices, by a regular order, having the county as venue, removed a pauper to his settlement; and they, at the same time, by indorsement on the order of removal, suspended the execution on account of his illness. Afterwards one of the same justices and another justice, by order indorsed on the first order, directed a removal; and, by a contemporaneous order, similarly indorsed, they directed payment of expenses. The last two orders did not, either by venue in the margin or statement in the body, shew that they were made in the county.

Held, that they were bad for this fault; and they were quashed on certiorari.

Stat. 12 & 13 *Vict. c. 45. s. 7.*, which enacts that no objection on account of any omission or mistake in an order shall be allowed on return to a certiorari, unless specified in the rule for issuing the certiorari, does not apply where the rule for a certiorari has been made before the time fixed for the statute coming into operation. *Regina v. Crowan*, 221.

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XVI. Lunatic poor: removal to asylum.

1. Order not removable by certiorari.

When a pauper lunatic has been removed to an asylum by an order under stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 100. s. 48.*, justices may adjudicate upon the settlement, under stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 126. s. 58.*, and an order may be made upon the parish of the settlement, under stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 126. s. 62.*, for payment of expenses.

Such order of removal cannot be brought up by certiorari.

If it be so brought up, the objection to the certiorari may be taken on the return.

It is no valid objection, that the order for payment of expenses sets forth the order of removal, and the adjudication of the settlement, by way of recital, without finding that the statements in such order and adjudication are true.

The order may be for payment of a sum specified as reasonable at the time of the order, "or such other weekly sum as the proprietor of the said house shall hereafter, and from time to time, reasonably charge."

The order for payment being brought up by certiorari, it is no valid objection, that the order of removal appears by affidavit to have been given by a clergyman who was not the officiating clergyman of the parish from which the removal was made.

Nor that it does not appear by the order of adjudication that, before adjudication, any notice was given to the parish in which it is adjudged that the pauper is settled.

Nor that the order for payment recites an adjudication that the parish "was the place of the last legal settlement" of the lunatic, without farther stating the time of the settlement.

Nor that such order does not state the pauper to have been chargeable to the parish from which he was removed.

Nor that the removal is to a private licensed asylum, but it does not appear that there is no county asylum or that such asylum is full. *Regina v. Hatfield Peverel*, 298.

2. By clergyman not the officiating clergyman, 298. *Antè*, 1.

3. To private licensed asylum, 298. *Antè*, 1.

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XVII. Lunatic poor; expenses of examination and removal.

1. When order may be made.

Sect. 58 of stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c.* 126., which empowers justices to inquire into and adjudicate upon the settlement of "any pauper lunatic confined or ordered to be confined" in a lunatic asylum, authorises the proceeding only during the time while the pauper remains in confinement, and the time between the order for his being confined and the beginning of his confinement.

And, if an order for maintenance, under sect. 62, be made on a parish as the last place of a pauper lunatic's settlement, and the adjudication has taken place after the pauper was discharged from the asylum, the order is bad, though the discharge was within twelve months from the beginning of the confinement.

Semble, per *Coleridge J.*, that an order, under sect. 62, directing payment of the expenses of examining and conveying the lunatic to the asylum, may be made more than twelve months after those expenses have been incurred. *Regina v. Wolverhampton*, 318.

2. The order may be made after twelve months.

By stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c.* 126. s. 62., when a pauper has been sent by order of justices, &c., to a lunatic asylum, and is afterwards adjudged to be settled in a parish or union other than that from which he was sent, two justices may make an order upon the guardians or overseers of the first-mentioned parish or union for payment to the guardians or overseers of the other parish or union of all expenses "incurred by" them "in or about the examination of such lunatic, and his conveyance to the asylum," "and of all moneys paid by" them to the proprietor of the asylum "for lodging,

maintenance," &c. "of such lunatic, and incurred within twelve calendar months previous to the date of such order."

Held that the limitation to twelve months applies to the expenses of lodging, maintenance, &c., but not to those of examination and conveyance. And an order for payment of both classes of expenses, not shewing when any part had been incurred, but only that they had been paid within the preceding twelve months, was, on certiorari, quashed as to the expenses of lodging, maintenance, &c., but not as to those of conveyance and examination.

When orders have been returned to a certiorari, and their validity is argued on the return, it is too late to urge that the objections to the order were not specified in the rule for a certiorari. *Regina v. Winster*, 344.

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3. Order on treasurer to pay himself, 793. *Post*, XX. 3.

XVIII. Lunatic poor: medical certificate.

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XIX. Lunatic poor: order of adjudication of settlement.

No appeal lies.

No appeal lies against an order of justices under stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c.* 126. s. 53., determining the place of settlement of a lunatic pauper confined under the provisions of that Act. *Regina v. St. Mary, Southampton*, 815.

XX. Lunatic poor: order of maintenance.

1. When to be made on the Union.

Stat. 12 & 13 *Vict. c.* 103. s. 5., which throws, in certain cases, the expenses of removing a pauper lunatic to an asylum, and maintaining him

there, on the Union comprising the parish which would be liable but for the statute, applies only when the lunatic has been placed in the asylum under an order of justices: not when he has been removed under the order of an officiating clergyman and a parish officer. *Regina v. St. Leonard's, Shoreditch*, 340.

2. When sufficient without formal finding of chargeability.

It is no valid objection to an order of maintenance made, under stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 126. s. 62.*, on a parish adjudged to be the last legal settlement of a pauper lunatic confined in an asylum, that the lunatic is not, on the face of the order, found to be chargeable to the parish whence he was removed, if the order shews that in fact the lunatic has been maintained in the asylum at the expense of such parish.

Nor that notice of such chargeability has not been sent to the parish on which the order is made: and, if this were necessary, it would be enough to send the examinations on which the order was made, if they shew the chargeability.

Nor that the medical certificate, annexed to the order for removal to the asylum, varies from the form in Schedule (E.) No. 1 of stat. 8 & 9 *Vict. c. 126*, in not stating the place of abode of the person signing it, or that he was a fellow or licentiate of the College of Physicians, or a graduate in Medicine, or a Member of the College of Surgeons, or an apothecary authorised by the Apothecaries' Company.

The confinement of the lunatic does not become unlawful by reason of such irregularity, where it does not appear that there was in fact no qualification, or that the residence was in fact not known: and the existence of the qualification, and the fact of the residence being known, may be inferred from the examinations.

The confinement existing *de facto*, and not being unlawful, the jurisdiction of the justices to adjudicate on the settlement, and to make an order of maintenance, arises.

The keeper of the asylum incurs responsibility by receiving the lunatic without a regular medical certificate; but, having so received him, is bound to continue the confinement until the lunatic is discharged. *Regina v. Minster*, 349.

3. Order on treasurer to pay himself on behalf of another township in the Union.

A pauper lunatic was sent by a justice from the township of *A.* in the Union of *W.* to the county Asylum; and the justice made an order upon the treasurer of the guardians of the Union for payment of the expenses. Subsequently, two justices adjudicated that the settlement of the lunatic was not in *A.*, but in township *W.*, also in the same Union of *W.*; and the two justices, by an order reciting the above facts, ordered the treasurer of the Union, on behalf of such parties as the law required, to pay to himself, out of any moneys that might be in his hands, the expenses already incurred on behalf of *A.*: and likewise to pay the future expenses.

Held: That the order was good in substance, as an order was required, under the circumstances, to justify the treasurer, in paying as on behalf of *W.* And that the form, requiring him to pay to himself, as above, was correct. *Regina v. East Ardsley*, 793.

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put in a negative issue, denying the allegations of the libel on articles, and also brought in his responsive allegation, which was duly admitted, and did thereby "allege the said several customs and matters in the introductory part of this declaration mentioned, in answer to the said libel on articles, and the said charge therein contained; and did then and there offer to prove the same in due form of law:" yet defendant threatened to, and would, "prosecute the trial of the said several customs and matters in the introductory part of this declaration mentioned in the said Court Christian," unless writ of prohibition, &c.

Defendants pleaded only a traverse of allegation (1) of custom; and a traverse of allegation (3) of custom. On these traverses issues were joined, which were found for defendants.

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1. That the pleas were not bad for omitting to traverse the allegations (2) and (4) of custom, these being immaterial, or merely incidental to and evidence of the allegations of custom traversed.

2. That the pleas were an insufficient answer, inasmuch as they did not meet the allegation that *T.* was not a parish, which was a fact not triable by the Ecclesiastical Court.

3. That there ought, therefore, to be a repleader, but not a judgment non obstante veredicto, inasmuch as, the plaintiff not having proved the allegations traversed, there was no admission on the record of the allegations not traversed. *Duke of Rutland v. Bagshaw*, 869.

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Held on mandamus, and demurrer to return, that agreements so circumstanced were not such as the Legislature, in stat. 5 & 6 *Vict. c. 54. s. 7.*, intended the Commissioners to confirm, and that, to a mandamus requiring them so to do, the above facts were a sufficient answer.

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the goods to plaintiff; but they were
then claimed as not being the property
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